



ROCHESTER ACADEMY OF MUSIC

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RAM Flutist Makes First Chair in All-State Orchestra!

Imagine being one of over 100 flutists from all over the state to audition, and YOU are chosen as number one! The top three are given the honor of performing in the All-State Orchestra. This is the highest achievement a high school band student can reach. The rest of the field is divided into two concert bands.

Academy flutist Sue Simha, Century High junior, has been selected as section leader for the 2019 All-State Orchestra. She has been a student of Cathy Arhelger for over four years. "I could tell from the very first lesson that Sue had what it takes to be outstanding. She works very hard and has improved by leaps and bounds. As a serious student, she gets a one-hour lesson every week. Her lovely, powerful tone, clean technique and sensitive artistry set her apart," Cathy says. "I've had many students get into All-State Band, but only two from my studio ever made it into Orchestra. I'm very proud of Sue." The orchestra had one week of intensive rehearsals in August. The concert will be held in February of next year.



Why Trophies & Wristbands?

By: Cathy Arhelger

When I was just starting out as a flute teacher, my little students would look up at me curiously and ask, "Miss Cathy, when will I be 'done' learning flute?" And I would want to say, "NEVER! You always keep learning! You're never 'done!'" Even though I was young, I knew this was not the right answer. I realized that these students needed benchmarks. The process of learning is long. The journey feels unending (especially when you are 7!). That's why we have the Musical Ladder System.

The Musical Ladder System shows kids mile markers that they are striving for. Every 90 days, they are given a test, which displays their progress and understanding of what they have been working on just like mid-terms and semester finals in regular school. Kids feel great pride and ownership when they pass their next level. They can hold something tangible in their hands that says "I'm progressing! I'm learning! I'm doing this!"

We believe everyone learns at their own pace and in their own way. That's why each test is carefully created for the individual student. We do not have a central curriculum--we tailor each lesson to the individual student. Personality styles, learning styles, and age all play a role in how quickly a student will grasp various skills.

The teachers at Rochester Academy of Music are carefully chosen to teach at our school. They know that each student is an individual! We all LOVE one-on-one lessons because we can give each student our full attention for the full lesson. There is nothing more powerful than that!

The students at our school eagerly ask, "When's my next test?!" Now, when have you ever seen kids EXCITED about a test before?? This is what tells me that The Musical Ladder System is working!

Rochester Academy of Music is the only school in southeastern Minnesota to offer this opportunity, and it's included in tuition. Ask YOUR teacher about The Musical Ladder System! As you climb the ladder, you'll see your progress and celebrate your wins!

Not a student yet? We are quickly reaching capacity and our waiting lists are growing for certain days and teachers. Please give us a call or email or text to get going with YOUR musical journey!
507-316-0732 info@rochesteracademyofmusic.com

Is YOUR Teacher Sold Out?

Some teachers have sold out on certain days. If you need a schedule change or would like to be added to a waiting list for a particular teacher, day or time, please contact us and we can add you to the waiting list. If you are not a student yet, **there are still limited lesson spots available**. To inquire about openings for August, send an email to info@rochesteracademyofmusic.com or you can call RAM at 507-316-0732.

Rosalie Alcoser (piano, voice, guitar, clarinet, ukulele): Mondays-Two spots left. Tuesday mornings: Three spots left. Thursdays- Three spots left. Saturdays-SOLD OUT.

Zachary Briscoe (drums, guitar, bass): Sundays-Three spots left.

John Carson (piano & voice): Monday: SOLD OUT. Tuesday: Two spots left. Wednesday: One spot left. Thursday: One spot left.

Kevin Carey (guitar & percussion): Mondays: Two spots left.

Austin Ferguson (voice, piano): Tuesday: One spot left. Thursdays-One spot left. Fridays-One spot left left.

Colin Jaques (guitar, string bass, electric bass, ukulele, mandolin): Fridays: Three spots left.

Eric Jensen (violin, viola, cello): Tuesdays: SOLD OUT. Wednesdays: SOLD OUT.

Janet Luick (voice, piano, brass): Sundays-SOLD OUT. Wednesdays-One spot left.

Vona Murrell (piano): Mondays: SOLD OUT. Tuesdays: One spot left.

Sarah Patton (piano): Maternity leave until October.

Cameron Smith (drums, guitar): Tuesdays-One spot left. Wednesdays-SOLD OUT. Thursdays-SOLD OUT.

Jonathan Tazell (piano & percussion): Saturday mornings: Three spots left.

Debbie Winters (piano, clarinet): Tuesdays-SOLD OUT. Wednesdays-SOLD OUT.

Students of the Month: Reed & Sam Blocksome

Reed takes trumpet with Janet Luick. Sam takes drums with Cameron Smith. They each get \$25. Retail credit towards books and accessories.

Reed:

Q: What do you like best about trumpet lessons at RAM?

A: I like the recitals and improving my skills - especially with the higher notes.

Q: What are your favorite songs to play?

A: Kokomo and Mission: Impossible theme.

Sam:

Q: What do you like best about drum lessons at RAM?

A: I like hanging out with Cameron and how it's not too hard and not too easy.

Q: What are your favorite songs to play?

A: Lesson 7 and Lesson 8 in the drum book.



New! Talent Showcase Preparation Class!

Students! Ever wish you could play your recital piece for an audience before the actual performance day just to feel comfortable with it? Now you can! For the first time ever, a performance preparation class will be held on Saturday, November 10th from 11 am until noon in studio 5 (the big room). It will be a mock-recital. Parents are welcome to observe. Be sure to bring your piece and instrument (besides Piano). Limit: 25 performers. First-come, first served. Call 507-316-0732 or email info@rochesteracademyofmusic.com to sign up, or stop at the desk.

Welcome to New Students!

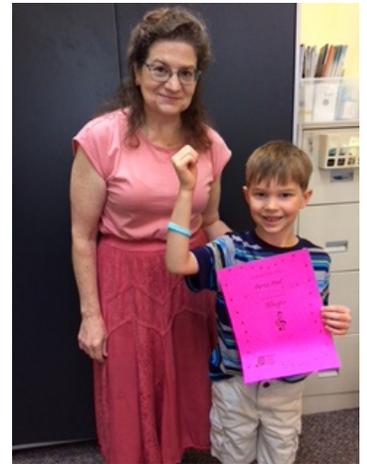
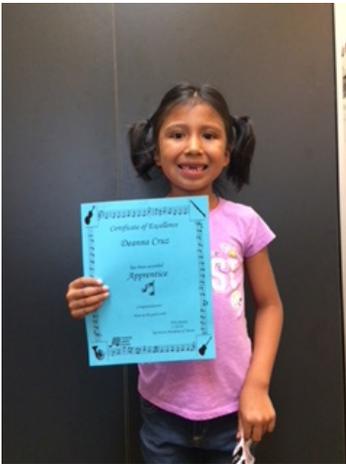
Veronica, Ryan, Alan, Aiden, Ian, Mikayla, Rothany, Rainalee, Ella, Catherine, Louie, Jesse, Autumn, Susan, Hailey, Kaylee, Maddison, Kaitlyn, Nick, Ruth, Viraaj, Nathen, Claudia, Erin.

Important Dates!

Fall Talent Showcases: Friday, November 16th, 6-9 pm at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church.

Thanksgiving Break-CLOSED Wednesday, 11/21/18-Sunday, 11/25/18.

Winter Break-CLOSED Monday, 12/24/18-Tuesday, 1/1/19.



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