

Music Elements



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Newsletter

The Beat is What Counts~

We're Proud!

Kevin and **Kyle** are vocal students with Laura. They were in Fame the Musical Jr. They performed at the Palace Theatre on May 24th and May 25th. **Kevin** also had his talent show May 20th at The Groton-Dunstable Regional Middle School.

Maggie is a vocal student with Laura. She preformed in the Applause Academy's production of "Game Show Musical". The hilariously funny show where you the audience gets to compete for prizes in a game show. Yes, real prizes were given for answering questions correctly in this super fun, prize-filled musical that will delighted everyone in the group.



Got some news that you would like to share?

Let us know if there is something you have to share in our newsletter and we will post your accomplishments so that everyone can share in the news!



Maksym is a saxophone student with Sam. He is a sophomore at CHS and played the trumpet in band for the past 5 years. He is an exemplary student in math and sciences and loves free style skiing. He is trying the saxophone and loves it.

Lucian is a piano student with Dan. He is a 2nd grader at Byam Elementary. He loves legos, minecraft, soccer and his English Bulldog puppy - Toby. This is his second year learning to play the piano.

Rae is a vocal student with Laura. She'll be graduating from kindergarten at keystone Montessori in north Chelmsford on June 13.

Ashley is a vocal student with Laura. She likes to sing and dance. She is also a 1st degree black belt in karate. Ashley loves to hang out with her friends and also enjoys amusement parks. She is also joining an all girls youth group. She also enjoys being with her family

Matt is a drum student with Dylan. He loves playing Dek (Street) Hockey and Basketball. He plays percussion in the school band as well as the Parker Jazz Band. He is an avid NASCAR fan. He also enjoys fishing, playing video games, and reading.

Kelly is a drum student with Rob. She marched in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30 with the rest of the McCarthy Middle School Band. Kelly's been doing it for the past 3 years and always looks forward to it!

Richard is a guitar student with John. When he is not playing guitar he enjoys running track and playing baseball. He is #8 on the Marlins. He likes to collect 'bumper' stickers for his guitar case even has some from Belize and Spain!

Raylene is a vocal student with Laura. She was in Lowell High School's musical of High School Musical. She played the part of Taylor. Laura came out to see her performance and said she was awesome!

Our Music Elements band, the **Spunklementals** will be performing at both the June recital on June 19th and The Chelmsford Farmers Market on Thursday, June 23rd. Please come on down and cheer them on!

Please welcome **Ben Knight** to our roster of instructors! Ben joined us in April and teaches piano. We now have 2 piano instructors at the school.

Congratulations to **Dylan Jack**, our drum instructor here at Music Elements. Dylan graduated with his Master's Degree from Longy School of Music in Cambridge. His recital was May 23rd and I had the pleasure to attend. Dylan performed pieces in 3 genres of music. Classical pieces on Marimba, a multiple percussion piece and Jazz pieces performed with a quartet in both written and original scores. Bravo...a labor of hard work and love!

We are very proud of one of our students moms, **Ellen D!** Ellen just finished Law School and officially earned her Juris Doctorate! Way to go Ellen!

Ashlyn is a vocal student with Laura. She was in a spring show at St Margaret School in Lowell May 25th

87-Year-Old Musician Dies Performing

'There's No Business Like Show Business'

For 71 years, Jane Little was the bassist for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

That incredible tenure ended Sunday when the 87-year-old musician collapsed onstage during a rendition of "There's No Business Like Show Business."

"It was the last minute of the last piece on the program," fellow bassist Michael Kurth told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "Her bass crashed into

Little was briefly revived by emergency responders before being transported to Grady Memorial Hospital, where she later died, ArtATL.com reports.

Little's last performance was fitting considering her entire adult life had been in show business.

She joined the symphony in 1945 as a member of its youth orchestra, and stuck around.

Amazingly, the 4-foot-11 Little managed to have a successful career playing the double bass, an instrument that, at 6 feet 5 inches, towered over her.

She told reporters the size of her instrument was one reason she chose to marry flautist Warren Little, her husband of 41 years.

"I must say that when I met Warren, I was very impressed that he played a small instrument, so he could carry my bass around!" she said, according to the Washington Post.

Her husband retired in 1992 and died in 2002.

Little's dedication to the instrument even as she fought many physical setbacks, including multiple myeloma, as well as a broken shoulder, elbow and pelvis over the years.



"It's just mind-boggling," says Timothy Cobb, the principal bassist with the New York Philharmonic told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "It takes a tremendous amount of physical power, frankly, and just brute force to play in a big orchestra."

"I have had friends who have made it into their 70s, but to be pumping it out in the orchestra is really something," he said.

No plans for a service honoring Little have been announced, but the ASO is waiting to see if Guinness World Records will officially honor her as the musician with the longest tenure with one orchestra, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

If you don't find your name in this month's newsletter, be sure to share with your instructor about your activities. You can also email Anita at anita@music-elements.com.

Happy Fathers Day

anita, dylan, john, laura, peter, dan, sam, mike, rob & ben

