

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Fall 2013 to you new students and our old-timers!  
Here is some information about classes, which will start on Saturday,  
Sept. 7.

Bruce's Beethoven piano quartet will meet from 9 to 12 a.m. each Saturday, beginning Sept. 7. Regular Saturday Group Class will meet three times a month (without piano) on Saturdays from **10 to 11 a.m.** This will be a class that includes several levels but I'll refer to it collectively as Group A, which will observe and play with each other. The newest beginners will observe Group A until they are able to participate.

Once a month on a Saturday morning, instead of Group A Class, we will have Performance Class with our new pianist, Sophie Christian who recently completed both a doctorate in piano and a further degree in collaborative piano at the U. On those days the Group Class students can arrive at **9:15 and rehearse their solos and group pieces with Sophie and me.**

Here is how Performance Class days will work:

- From 8:30-9:15 Group B Class members will rehearse with Sophie (with Beethoven members first).
- The Beethoven kids will begin their coaching or rehearsal with Bruce as usual.
- From 9:15-9:45 Group A Class members will rehearse with Sophie. (While the Group A kids wait for each other to rehearse they can watch quietly as audience members, or color and read quietly at the dining room table)
- From 9:45-10:15 we will then play for each other in the living room. The Performance Class solos will be structured as a kind of public lesson.
- After a break from 10:15-10:30 the Group B kids will play their solos for the Group A Class kids. At roughly 11 the Beethoven kids will play some of their quartet. (The Beethoven quartet kids can then keep rehearsing until 12).
- In summary, Performance Class mornings will run from 8:30 to 11:15 for Group B members (Group B kids who are not in the Beethoven Quartet have a break in the middle between 9:15 and 10:30) For Group A kids, Performance Class mornings will run from 9:15 to 11:15. I have tried to arrange things as efficiently as possible, but it's complicated as you can see.

Flexibility is crucial, so I emphasize that these times are approximate! A huge part of the students' learning is the observation of each other. Since there is a vast span of

ages and levels in our studio, we'll have to play this all a bit by ear. Please bring snacks on Performance Class mornings for your kids. The kids' breaks will be between their own events of the morning, so please be in charge of your kids. In addition to the bathroom upstairs, there are two downstairs.

Once a semester we'll have a Class Recital, giving each student the chance to perform.

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Beethoven Quartet</b>
Finn	Alex	Imala
Aine	Imala	Meriel
Maeve	Meriel	Nygel
Naomi	Anna	Austin
Vikram	Giovanna	
Amithy		
Other new students		

#### Group Class Saturdays

9:00-12:00 Beethoven Quartet rehearsal and coaching  
 10:00-11:00 Group A Class  
 Private lessons as arranged

#### Performance Class Saturdays (Approximate times)

8:30-9:15 Group B rehearses with Sophie  
 9:15-10:15 Beethoven rehearses or coaches  
 9:15-9:45 Group A players rehearse with Sophie  
 9:45-10:15 Group A players have Performance Class

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:15 Group B and Quartet Performance Class (Group A watches)  
 11:15-12:00 Beethoven rehearses or coaches