

September 6, 2016

Dear Chopin Club Student Musicians,

I hope you had a relaxing, exciting, and musical summer. As President, I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2016-2017 Chopin Student Musicians Club at the Music Mansion on College Hill in Providence, RI. Whether you are new or are a returning member, the Chopin Club is a wonderful environment for musicians from clarinetists to guitarists to pianists to share and perform their favorite pieces or to simply attend and listen to others perform.

Family and friends are always welcome to the audience (we like to have a full house!), and even if you do not intend to perform, it is nice to attend, learn from, and support other members. If you are not able to attend, please e-mail Ms. Dingley, and let her know before the recital. If you are an officer, we ask that you are present at every meeting.

Chamber music and ensemble works are highly encouraged. Similarly, soloists, excluding pianists, require an accompanist unless the work is not written for accompaniment. Any genre of music is accepted. In addition, necessary music stands and chairs are provided at each meeting.

Meetings are on the first Sunday of each month from October until May. Our first meeting is on October 2, and the meeting dates for the entire school year are:

October 2

November 6

December 4 (Holiday Concert)

January 8

February 5

March 5

April 2

May 7 (Graduation Concert)

Each concert begins at 6:30 pm, but doors to the Music Mansion open at 6:00 pm when you can warm-up on a first come-first served basis. If you happen to arrive late to a meeting, please wait in the hall until there is a break in the program. Also, please note that the Holiday-themed December 4 recital and May 7 Graduation concert are special concerts, and fancier dress is preferred. Memorization of pieces, excluding chamber music, is required for the December and May meetings. Although festive music is nice, you do not have to perform holiday music at the December 4 concert.

For each meeting, please contact Mrs. Dingley at kdingley@mac.com with the instrument, name of your piece(s) and its/their composer(s), key(s), opus number(s), movement(s) of the piece(s), and the accompanist if you have one. The deadline for submitting pieces to Mrs. Dingley is the Thursday before each meeting: **September 29** for October meeting, **November 3** for November meeting, **December 1** for Holiday concert, **January 5** for January meeting, **February 2** for February meeting, **March 2** for March meeting, **March 30** for April meeting, and **May 4** for the Graduation concert. There will also be receptions following each concert in the dining room of the Music Mansion so if you are attending, we kindly ask you bring a food or drink item.

Please bring \$10 in club dues to the October 2 meeting. Furthermore, if you know any musician who would like to join, please encourage them to do so. We want to promote classical music (as well as other genres) to the Greater Providence and broader New England areas!

If you have any comments or questions, do not hesitate to e-mail me at anessapetteruti@gmail.com or call or text me at [\(401\) 862-8082](tel:(401)862-8082).

Thank you all so much for being part of the Chopin Club, and I am looking forward to our first meeting on October 2 and an artistic year!

Sincerely,

Anessa Petteruti

President