

Dear Chopin Club Student Musicians,

I hope you have had a relaxing, fun-filled summer! As we begin the school year again, it is my pleasure to welcome you all back to the 2017-2018 Chopin Student Musicians Club!

Our monthly meetings (held the first Sunday of every month) are a wonderful opportunity for young musicians to perform for a very supportive audience or simply come and listen to and learn from others' performances. Family and friends are always welcome to attend as well! Our first meeting of the year is **October 1st**, and the meeting dates for the entire school year are:

**October 1st**  
**November 5th**  
**December 3rd (Holiday Concert)**  
**February 4th**  
**March 4th**  
**April 8th**  
**May 6th (Graduation Concert)**

It is not required that all members be at all the meetings, but we hope to see you all as often as possible. Even if you are not performing, it is nice to come and support other members who are. We ask that officers attend all meetings. If you are not able to attend, please email Ms. Dingley and let her know before the recital.

All meetings start at 6:30 PM at the Music Mansion, but the doors will be open as early as 6:00 PM for those wishing to come and warm up. If you happen to arrive late, please wait in the hall until there is a break in the program. Also, please note that the Holiday Concert and the Graduation Concert are special concerts, and we ask that you wear something formal. Memorization of pieces (excluding chamber music) is required for these concerts as well.

Any genre of music is accepted. We also highly encourage chamber music and ensemble pieces. Instrumental soloists (excluding pianists) require an accompanist, unless the piece is not written with accompaniment. Memorization of music is not required (except for the December and May concerts).

If you plan to perform at a meeting, we ask that you please email Ms. Dingley at [kdingley@mac.com](mailto: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 this information is the Thursday before each meeting: **September 28th** for October meeting, **November 2nd** for November meeting, **November 30th** for Holiday Concert, **February 1st** for February meeting, **March 1st** for March meeting, **April 5th** for April meeting, and **May 3rd** for the

Graduation concert. There will also be receptions following each concert so we kindly ask that if you are attending, you bring a food or drink item.

Please bring \$10 in dues to the October 1st meeting. Also, if you know of any other young musicians who would like to join, please encourage them to do so!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to email Ms. Dingley at [kdingley@mac.com](mailto:kdingley@mac.com) or me at [alovesmusic01@gmail.com](mailto:alovesmusic01@gmail.com).

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again at our first meeting on October 2nd and spending another musical year with all of you!

Sincerely,  
Alexandra Nichols  
President