

RECENT NEWS

MAY 2025



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Students that participated in WSMA Solo and Ensemble, or the WMTA District Auditions, have been recognized in a previous email. However, some of those students also received additional awards and special recognition when they took part in the regional or state level events.

WSMA State Solo and Ensemble

Exemplary Performance Nominations:

Parker Calkins - voice and music theater
Syd Martin - music theater
Elizabeth Matz - voice, piano
Snigdha Rajamanuri - piano
Marco Suarez - cello

Exemplary Performanc Awards:

Krishna Ailiani - marimba/xylophone
Elizabeth Matz - music theater and piccolo
Kai Gallant - French horn

WMTA Regional Competition results:

Grade 4, Honorable Mention:
Eloise Nogel, student of Randy Lyden

Grade 5, Winner:
Roy Li, student of Judy Stafslie

Grade 7 Winner:
Lucy Lowman, student of Rita Schuman

Grade 8, Runner-Up:
Armani De la Rosa, student of Judy Stafslie

Grade 8, Honorable Mention:
Andrew Lowman, student of Judy Stafslie

Grade 9, Runner-Up:
Maggie Li, student of Randy Lyden.

Grade 10, Honorable Mention:
Sophia Mayberry, student of Rita Schuman

Grade 11, Honorable Mention:
Krishna Ailiani, student of Judy Stafslie.

Read about two graduating seniors
(not included in the last email):



MATTHEW RABINDRA

Student of Judy Stafslie

When I was three years old, my sister started piano lessons at Reed. When my parents asked me if I wanted to learn how to play piano, I didn't want to. Over the next two years, seeing how my sister was learning inspired me to learn. I thought she was so cool playing piano and at the age of five, I too started taking piano lessons at Reed. Thirteen years have gone by so fast. I have learned so much from my time here and I will certainly miss it. My teacher, Ms. Judy Stafslie, has instilled in me a trait of work ethic that allows me to accomplish my goals. Music has become a deep passion of mine that I will carry throughout my life. I am excited for wherever my musical journey takes me and I am glad to have started it at Reed.



ELIOT MILES

Student of Francis De la Rosa

I have been playing the violin since I was in fourth grade, and over the years, I have grown to love playing the violin. I have been taking lessons at Reed for six years and have really enjoyed my time here. Over the years, I have had several teachers who all were wonderful. I started with Marianne Buchanan for three years and then had Michelle Elliot for just one summer. After that, I studied with Cassie Davis for two years and then switched to Francis De La Rosa, who I currently am studying with. Thanks to Cassie and Francis, I was part of a Solo & Ensemble duet with my friend Liam Driesen that won a first at state both this year and last. My post high school plans include going to UW-Platteville for mechanical engineering, and I will continue playing the violin.

UPCOMING SENIOR PIANO RECITAL:

Cassidy Burrill

(piano student of Amy Baklund)

Cappella Performing Arts Center

Sunday, June 15th, 2025, 1:00pm.

Free and open to the public.

ANNOUNCING: SUMMER BEGINNER FRENCH HORN LESSONS with Dr. Thomas Hunt

- Dr. Hunt is well known and highly respected in the La Crosse area as the “go to” instructor for French horn.
- Dr. Hunt is opening up five spots on his summer schedule for beginning horn students.
- A horn and all lesson materials will be included in the tuition costs.

FOR WHOM?

- Elementary or middle school students that are just starting in band at school.
- Home schoolers 5th grade and up
- Middle and high school students that already play another instrument - *(some school programs are in need of French horn players and you may desire to change or add another instrument.)*
- All ages are welcome!

WHEN

- Lessons given July 7 through the week of August 25.
- Time of day is flexible according to each student's availability
- Contact Rita Schuman: ritaschuman1@gmail.com

Mistakenly left out of a previous newsletter:

Carlin O'Hearn, student of Dr. Hunt, participated in the district WSMA solo and ensemble festival with a French horn solo.

Elizabeth Matz, student of Mona Gardner, will be playing the flute in the WSMA Honors Band.

PIANO FOR SALE:
Contact David at 608-386-7799

FOR SALE - Steinway Studio Grand Piano, Model B

Serial Number: 187593

Built 1917, rebuilt 2017

This gorgeous piano was acquired in 2016 and subsequently refinished/rebuilt to exacting standards at Lindeblad Piano Restoration in Pine Brook, New Jersey. The following is a list of what was performed:

- New Sitka spruce sound and bridge caps
- New strings and tuning pins
- New pinblock
- Rebronzed harp
- New Steinway hammers, shanks, flanges, and wippens
- New damper felts and guide rail bushings
- New back checks
- Rebuilt pedal and trap system
- Recondition damper underlever system
- New key bushings, keytops; refinished sharp keys
- Refinished African flame mahogany cabinet in closed pore semi-gloss finish
- Nickel plate hardware

Since then, it has been lovingly and regularly played and kept in a climate and humidity controlled environment. It has had regular tuning by a technician.

I'm looking to sell simply to purchase a larger piano. I'll be sad to see this one go but I know it'll bring someone else as much happiness as it has brought me!

Price: \$59,000



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