

## Calendar

### Teacher Vacations

**Katie** May 28 - Jun 4  
**Laurie** Jun 7-9, Jul 4-10  
**Bridget** Jun 18, Jul 4-5  
**Sherrine** Jul 4-10

Reminder: Teacher vacations are built into tuition, so your monthly tuition remains the same.

### Events

#### Fri. June 24, 7 - 9pm

Adult Student Jam/Singalong at the studio.  
Watch your e-mail for more details!

### June Birthdays

01 Sarah Shackelford  
05 Adam Baker  
05 Aidan Flairty  
05 Pauline Stark  
11 Jay Otto  
23 Luke Sindelar  
25 Kaya Pleiss  
27 Blase Sindelar  
30 Carter Kirsch

### Have you accessed your online account?

You received an e-mail recently with instructions on how to do so. If you haven't yet, please click the "Access your online account" link on our website (under Student Resources). Log in with your e-mail address and the password Harmony1. You can change the password by editing your Family Info. Please check to make sure all of your information is up-to-date. Edit any information that is outdated.

You can also check your balance due online after the 21st of each month. AND, you can pay online with a debit or credit card and even set it up to be paid automatically if you wish! You will continue to receive an e-mail statement each month, as well as a receipt for any payments made online.

Please let us know if you have any questions about your online account!

## A Practice System that Really Works

Beginning in mid- to late- Level 2, students are instructed to begin using a specific system for organizing their practice time. When followed *as instructed*, students (and parents!) will discover that they can cut down on overall practice time, have a rock-solid playlist, learn time management techniques and boost confidence in their playing. All it takes is a little bit of discipline and a lot of consistency.

Here's what parent Carrie Dolton said recently after her two daughters, Amelia and Sophia, began applying this system to their practice routine:

*"I wanted to give you some feedback about the new method of organizing our playlist - it has revolutionized piano practice in our home! Any whining or complaining about practicing piano has been practically eliminated! The girls independently practice on their own and remember do it without being asked. And I've noticed that they are learning the new songs faster than they previously did. So thank you, thank you for making practice time a more positive experience!"*

With this system, students 'divide' their playlist into two components - **current projects** and **playlist projects**. They spend 15-20 min. per day total on current (newer) projects, 4-6 times per week. The brain needs consistent reinforcement of new information. This consistency allows the student to review rather than relearn, which takes much less time and gives the student an experience of success and victory. Cramming just doesn't work effectively in learning music.

Students are coached as to how to maintain the rest of the playlist that they have already learned (playlist projects).

If you have set aside the same practice time each day, utilize your student home materials, and use this practice system faithfully, you will experience amazing, breakthrough results in your piano playing!

### Guitar Lessons Now Available at Keys to Harmony!

We are excited to announce that Andrew Bailie will begin teaching guitar classes at the studio beginning mid-June. You can read about Andrew on the Guitar Classes page of our website.

Check out [dailydealomaha.com](http://dailydealomaha.com) for a great deal on summer guitar camps - special price through June 2!

### Piano and Stringed Instrument Sale at UNO

The Music Department of UNO will have a large selection of grands, baby grands, upright pianos, digital, keyboards, orchestral strings, acoustic & electric guitars available for sale to the public on Sunday, June 5 from noon - 5:00 p.m. Most instruments are less than one year old and include a new factory warranty. Delivery and no-interest financing are available. See flyer on the bulletin board at the studio for more details.

## STUDENT LYRICS

"Bowling" by Jackson Speece  
(sung to Family Tree)

Turkey 1,2,3  
Bowling is for me  
I get strikes you see,  
Bowling is for me  
Two, four, six, eight, ten  
more strikes for me.  
Come a bowlin' with me,  
Come a bowlin' with me!

"Summer Vacation" by Levi Hill:  
(sung to I'll Be There)

Open my eyes  
What day is this?  
Do I have school,  
Or can I play?  
Spring out of bed  
Into my clothes  
That's how I start my day!

"School" by Rebecca Kucera:  
(sung to Family Tree)

I love going to school,  
I love going to school,  
Learning math is cool,  
Make sure you follow the rules  
One plus one is two and two are  
four.

I love going to school,  
I love going to school,  
Reading books is cool  
Don't you be the fool  
Summer is almost here and no  
more school.

I will miss school,  
I will miss school,  
I will miss school.

"Plain Spaghetti" by Max Sindelar  
(sung to Chester Chills Out)

Plain spaghetti is my favorite food  
Eating with my hands would be so rude  
If I do I might go to my room  
I guess I'll go ahead and use my fork  
Or spork

"Mark Went to the Park" by Blase  
Sindelar  
(sung to Chester Chills Out)

One day I went to the water park  
I got there and saw my good friend,  
Mark  
We decided to play Noah's Ark  
Then I walked up to the water slide  
And died.

## Adult Student Events

### Fun Time at Valentino's!

Our Adult Piano and Pizza party held at Valentino's was a super success. We had approximately 20 Keys to Harmony adult and older teen students join us at Valentino's in their party room. Everyone played at least one song.

The point of the gathering was to get students out of their comfort zones by playing in front of each other (not always an easy feat for adults) and to always keep the music going in the background while the others talked and ate.

We had a variety of music ranging from Simply Music songs, original compositions, arrangements, accompaniments, and other outside music. Most agreed that they were nervous going in, but after playing, they felt better and empowered to continue to playing for others.

### Upcoming Monthly Events

We will be having another adult gathering at the studio on Friday, June 24th from 7 to 9 at Keys to Harmony Studio. Please bring some wine and/or a snack to share!

We plan to have these informal events at the studio once a month for our adult students. It's a great opportunity to practice accompaniment skills with singalongs!




### KRITTER KORNER

Summer is here! This is the time of year that I love to bask in the warm sun and shed my winter coat all over the house.

I know that people are busy during the summer, and my owners are out and about enjoying the weather outside and going on vacations. Sometimes because of the summer schedule I hear the kids say that they don't like practicing as much.

I'm here to say that just because it's summer time doesn't mean you should stop your practicing schedule. We always make time for things that are important. I have many reruns to watch with my owners, but that doesn't mean I forget to bath myself or catch flies around the house. These are just things that make me a better cat in the long run even though sometimes I don't always want to do them.

So I'm asking you to shed your excuses as I shed my coat, and also, remember to tune your pianos. My kitty ears go a little crazy hearing those un-tuned pianos!! Me-OUCH!!

Simon 

*"Music is so naturally united with us that we cannot be free from it even if we so desired."*

Anicius Manlius Severinus Boethius