

# Rhapsody News

Rhapsody Arts Center is a non-profit community school of the arts

## STUDIO NEWS

### STUDIO CALENDAR

#### JUNE

- 6/8 Memorial Day make-ups  
 6/9 Awards night: 6:30pm  
 Learn to Draw  
 6/10 Studio Art Painting  
 6/14 Hometown Days parade and music in the RAC parking lot  
**6/15 Summer lessons begin**  
 Web Graphics 101  
 6/16 Toddler Tunes, session 1  
 Carnival of the Animals  
 Kids-n-Keys  
 6/22 Exploring Arts and Crafts  
 Needle Felting Workshop  
 Kids on Broadway  
 Young Illustrators  
 6/23 Photoshop Primer  
 6/27 Flip book Scrapbook  
 6/29 Design Arts

#### JULY

- 7/1 Fall info mailed out**  
 7/6 Digital Photography  
 7/7 Go Green: Recycled Art  
 7/8 Studio Art Drawing  
 7/9 Paint your Pet  
 Piano for Two  
 7/13 Art from many Cultures  
 Young Printmakers  
 Little Voices  
 School of Rock  
 Web Graphics 101  
 7/15 Beginning Knitting  
 7/18 Birthday Bonanza  
 7/18 Fairy Tale Scrapbook  
 7/20 Monet, Van Gogh, O'Keefe and Me  
 Recording Studio  
 7/21 Beginning Piano  
 7/22 Group Guitar  
 7/23 Sketchbook Creation  
 7/25 Purse Photo Album  
 7/27 Babies Music  
 7/28 Toddler Tunes session 2  
**7/31 Priority deadline for fall lessons sign-up**

#### AUGUST

- 8/3 Photoshop Primer  
 8/4 Cartooning 101  
 8/5 Wild Imagination  
 8/6 3-D Art  
 8/10 My First Quartet  
 8/13 Recipe Box

#### \* OFFICE HOURS\*

Rhapsody is open Monday-Friday throughout the summer. The main location opens at 9am each day and closes in the evening. On Fridays in the summer, we typically close in the afternoon.

Thanks for being patient with our unusual office hours schedule during the summer: we are often teaching lessons or classes in the morning. If you leave a phone message however, we will respond to it as quickly as possible.

### Faculty Transitions

Welcome to our new faculty: Becky Morgan (cello), Emily Fink (piano/voice), Hanna Pieper (music therapy), and Kathy Mohs (piano/voice)

Best wishes to our departing faculty: Mandy Brobst-Renaud (music therapy), and Lyssandra Walsh (violin). These teachers will be absent for the summer only: Kui Min (piano), Genia Allard (piano).

### Awards Night-June 9

*And the Award goes to...*

Find out on June 9th at Rhapsody's Award's Night! The event will begin outside at 6:30p.m. and will conclude with an ice cream social. Please bring an ice cream topping of your choice. Come celebrate the success of RAC students! Students receiving an award will get a special email invitation for the event.

### Spring Fling Report

Spring Fling this year at Scatz was a "resounding" success! Thank you for

supporting us in our third annual fundraiser. Special kudos go out to our talented students, and especially the School of Rock bands for fantastic performances. Everyone had a great time! We are lucky to have such supportive and generous families at Rhapsody. Thank you!

### **Rhapsody National Guild of Piano Playing participants**

Congratulations to all the Rhapsody students who participated in the National Guild of Piano Playing Auditions on May 21 and 22: Joyce Suddeth, Rachel Spears, Emily Wottreng, Dani Basche, Hannah Tweed, Davis Christianson, Zach Nechvatal, Ella Hall, Katarina Dovat, Elanora Dovat, Cari Monroe, Callie Rosenbaum, Emily Janes, Tess Pankratz, Emily Rohn, Katherine Donley, Meghan Phillips, Elizabeth Sarbacker, and Kelly McMahon.

### **Congrats RAC Seniors!**

Rhapsody has nine high school seniors that will be graduating and moving on to the next stage of their lives. We are so proud of all of you! The graduating seniors from Verona Area High School are:

Sarah Christian, daughter of Brian and Judy Christian of Verona, attending UW-La Crosse

Emily Wottreng, daughter of Jim and Betty Wottreng of Verona, studying art education at UW-Milwaukee

Kaitlin McLean, daughter of Dave McLean and Hattie McLean of Verona, attending Yale University.

Nicole Sather, daughter of Tom and Janet Sather of Fitchburg; attending UW-Madison and studying psychology with a pre-med focus.

Edgewood High School senior Kelly McMahon, daughter of Joe and Sue McMahon of Fitchburg; attending Nova Southeastern University in Florida and studying marine biology.

# Music News

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Madison Memorial senior Jessica Dulli, daughter of Douglas and Maria Dulli of Madison; she will be attending UW-Eau Claire to study nursing.

Oregon High School senior Annie Heifner, daughter of Bill and Noranne Heifner of Oregon; attending Augustana for pre-med.

Additional seniors: Courtney McCaw and Grace Bondurant

## Summer Make-up policy

Both families and teachers appreciate the flexibility that summer offers. In order for a lesson to be excused, the teacher must be notified of the absence at least 24 hours in advance of the lesson time (except in the case of sudden illness or emergency). Make-up times will be given for excused lessons ONLY.

## Hometown Days

If you're attending the Hometown Days parade on Sunday, June 14, be sure to stop by Rhapsody's parking lot, and check out our live music and food sale!

## Vacation boredom? We have the answer!

Rhapsody is still accepting registrations for our summer classes, we offer so much more than lessons! How would you like to learn:

- Beginning knitting
- Design a fairy-tale scrapbook
- Digital photography
- How to record music on your computer
- Make your own birthday cards
- Explore the work of famous painters
- Create a photo album with your Mom

- Sing Broadway songs

To see more about our classes, or to register, pick up a yellow summer class brochure from the studio or from our website.

## Music Exploration in Madison

Summer is a great time to explore all the music that Madison has to offer.

### Isthmus Jazz Festival

June 4-7 jazz at the Memorial Union Terrace kicks off summer music in Madison, see <http://www.isthmusjazzfestival.com/>

Concerts on the Square: free outdoor concerts by the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra on Wednesday, June 24th and continues every Wednesday until July 29th, see [www.wcoconcerts.org/](http://www.wcoconcerts.org/)

Bach Dancing and Dynamite: an unconventional summer-only chamber music series, "chamber music with a bang!" [www.bachdancinganddynamite.org/](http://www.bachdancinganddynamite.org/)

Madison Early Music Festival: hosted by UW Madison, takes place July 11-18, concerts open to the public. <http://www.dcs.wisc.edu/lisa/memf>

### Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Concert

Saturday, Jul 25, 7:30PM Memorial Union - Wisconsin Union Theater the band makes history live by presenting period brass band music, performed on antique instruments. Attired in uniforms and gowns, the Band's musicians, color guard, and vivandiers take you back to the 1860's; to that turbulent era known as the Civil War.

## Ways to Encourage Practicing

by Ed Pearlman ([musicteachershelper.com](http://musicteachershelper.com))

Here are some ways to encourage practicing, drawn from a variety of sources, some for kids, some for all ages:

—a colorful practice chart can make it fun and rewarding to see your accomplishments, and makes it matter that you practiced that day. It can be as simple as a check mark, or could be a chance to grade yourself on how you did (sometimes this gives permission to play something badly but to still get credit for doing it), and can be a place to remind yourself what tasks you'd like to get to.

—an audience can be inspiring, whether friends, family members, a cat or dog that doesn't leave the room (mine sometimes insists on singing along!), or for kids, an audience of stuffed animals.

—be the teacher and teach a friend, parent, or sibling how to do a simple skill or to sing or play part of a song you're working on

—plan rewards, like a favorite snack, or a toy or gift, after a certain amount of practicing has been done, based on filling out a practice chart, or some other measure.

—replace the word "practice" with "play" if the word "Practice" comes to mean merely homework. My motto for students is: "The more you play, the better you get. The more you play correctly, the faster you get better."

—value quality over quantity. Ten minutes of immersion in great practicing is worth 60 minutes spent watching the clock.

# Happy Birthday!

## June

Grace Seibert, Cassidy Sweet, Roger Schultz, Sophia Gibson, Will Palmer, Callie Rosenbaum, Hannah Amell, Lillie Pankratz, Claire Lawrence, Elijah Rindfleisch, John Zunker, Michael Stoneman, Haley Prudent, Jared McDonald, Hannah Worley, Kathryn Porter, Anna Reekie, Bryan Touchett, Sophie Kooiman, Kade McGilvray, Makena Meyers, Meghan Phillips, Emma Witmer, Lily O'Sheridan, Abigail Rupnow, Karla Beckwith, Jared Biddle, Jessica Dulli, Jessica Blackburn, Elise Everitt, Maggie Seibert, Alexandra Donny, Nicole Duppler, Nathan Lucas, Ashley Payne, Tom Davis, Cheyenne Teigen, Logan Clifton, Jake Nagel, Billy Kl



## July

Jacob Amell, Savanna Biedermann, Alexa Cason, Cameron Hall, Mila Trombino, Josephine Baier, Isaiah DeWerd, Hannah Tweed, Ben Morgan, Eve Palmer, Peter Christian, Kyler DeWerd, Arianna Fritz, Zach Mahaffey, Hannah Weston, Sarah Christian, Emily Davis, Sean Lytle, Zakhary Kalifatidi, Rylie Butzbaugh-Patrick, Riley Fritz, Sophia Halverson, Alaina Kasimatis, Alankrit Shatadal, Sophie Fromberger, Ryan Doyle, John Springer, Maddie Weston, Heidi Abramavicius, Baylee Close, Elizabeth Essert, Cian Butzbaugh-Patrick, Callum Luken, Brandon Young, John Emmons

## August

Amy Strang, Haley Lemberger, Rachel Spears, Abby Walsh, Katie Fan, Soleil Bieniek, Davis Christianson, Nadia Banks, Paul Bellissimo, Cassie Connery, Lucia Haffner, Zachary Palmer, Hunter Stracka, Vienna Zhang, Savannah Greiveldinger, Ben Solomon, Maggie Baldock, Mary Borland, Trent Prall, Alyssa Smith, Justin Blackburn, Matthew Close, Nina Kajian, Jenny Kopp, Hannah Niswonger, Anna Marie Leone, Jordan Ripp, Sam Smith, Henry Higby, Alyson Rutherford, Corky Carpenter, Olivia Prescott, Marilyn Perkins, Garrett Maier, Ceera Machotka, Nicholas Urmann, Zain Cassis, Rachel Nachriener, Lauren O'Brien, Julia Thomas, Colin Pulkrabek, Steven Queoff

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