



APRIL NEWSLETTER



CMS SPRING SWEEPSTAKES



GRAND PRIZE \$15,000!!!

Other prizes include \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500, & \$250

Drawing to be held April 28, 2026. Scan the QR code to purchase your ticket!

Upcoming Events

Recitals

April 24 at 6:00 p.m. Vocal & Instrumental Students	May 6 at 6:00 p.m. Vocal & Instrumental Students
April 24 at 7:00 p.m. "Adults Only" Gathering	May 6 at 7:00 p.m. "Adults Only" Gathering

If you're interested in performing, please speak with your teacher and sign up using the QR code in your teacher's studio.



Three Generations - One Ensemble

Olga, Renee, and Alexandra not only represent three generations of their family, but are also members of the Intergenerational String Ensemble. "Miss Helen works hard to make sure that everyone is met where they are at in their studies. No one feels left out", says Renee. Olga and Renee had prior experience in grammar school, while Alexandra is currently taking lessons here at CMS. "It's a lot of fun, and we look forward to coming every Wednesday", says Alexandra. They love being a part of this community and say the staff at CMS have been welcoming and open. They all agree that this has been a positive experience and it has been a great way for them to bond. "This ensemble makes me feel like I am part of something. My daughter-in-law and granddaughter invited me, and I didn't know what to expect. It's a really special experience!" says Olga. "It's nice to see adults and kids make music together, regardless of ability. I hope this ensemble can continue for a long time." Intergenerational String Ensemble is taught by Helen Butler-Ceppaglia on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

ALL VOICES CONCERT

APRIL 28, 2026

7:00 P.M.

WITH CMS SPRING SWEEPSTAKES PRIZE DRAWING

CMS COMMUNITY CHORUS
CMS CHILDREN'S CHOIR
NEW BEGINNING CHORAL ENSEMBLE

JOY OF SINGING **TOTALLY TWEEN** **CMS VOCAL CHAMBER ENSEMBLE** **CMS FACILITY PERFORMANCES**

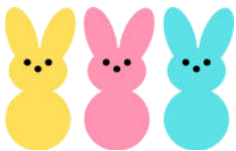
MONTANTE CULTURAL CENTER AT CANISIUS COLLEGE
2001 MAIN ST, BUFFALO, NY 14208

COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

Skills Showcase

Skills Showcase will be held May 15-17, 2026. Students may sign up at the front desk starting in April. Our Skills showcases are intended to be a positive, motivational experience that gives the student the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of basic skills.

Studio Make Up Days



Studio Make Up Days will take place on April 18, 25, & May 2. Please speak with your teacher for the date & time.



Faculty Spotlight



Meet our new brass instructor Jodie White

Jodie White is an accomplished multi-instrumentalist & technician. Jodie performs on horn, trumpet, and piano. She is an accomplished hornist, performing with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, and participated in the Star Dew Valley: Symphony of Seasons tour at Shea's Performing Arts Center. She has also played with Interlochen Center for the Arts and Opera-Lytes. Beyond performance, Jodie is the owner-operator of Sassy Brass Cleanings & Tunings (Est. 2015). She holds a Master of Music in Horn Performance, a Bachelor of Music in Music Education, and a Bachelor of Arts in Piano Performance from SUNY Fredonia.

Meet piano instructor Matthew Marco

Matthew Marco is a conductor, coach, and collaborative pianist based in Buffalo, NY. He is currently the Artistic Director of Buffalo Opera Unlimited. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor at University at Buffalo in the Department of Theatre and Dance. Matthew has performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Amarillo Opera, the Center for Contemporary Opera, Civic Morning Musicals, the National Choral Festival, Opera Tampa, the Savannah VOICE Festival, Nickel City Opera, the Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra, the Western New York Chamber Orchestra, the Hillman Opera Company, and Opera-Lytes. Matthew holds a Bachelor of Music from SUNY Potsdam and a Master of Music from SUNY Fredonia.

Closings

Spring Break

There will be no scheduled lessons or classes starting Friday April 3rd. Lessons will resume Monday April 13th. Students are not billed for the break.

CAMP CREATE!

@COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

Three 2-week Sessions
July 6-17
July 20-31
August 3-14
9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
Extended drop off/pick up hours available.

MUSIC LITERACY THEATRE FILMMAKING ART DANCE

Ages 6-12
(5 year olds who have completed kindergarten)

