

Time is running out!

CMS SPRING SWEEPSTAKES
APRIL 28, 2026



GRAND PRIZE
\$15,000!!!
Other prizes include
\$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500, & \$250

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Skills Showcase

Students may now sign up for the Skills Showcase. Students receiving financial assistance are required to participate in the Skills Showcase, and all students are strongly encouraged to participate. Please sign up in person at the front desk, or call the CMS Office at 884.4887 to sign up via phone.

Voice

Friday, May 15
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 16
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 17
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Guitar

Saturday, May 16
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Winds

Friday, May 15
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Piano

Friday, May 15
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 16
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 17
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Strings

Sunday, May 17
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Percussion

Friday, May 15
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

MAY NEWSLETTER

Recitals

Our May Recitals will be held on Wednesday, May 6 @ 6:00 p.m. for all vocal & instrumental students and an "Adults Only" gathering at 7:00 p.m. If you're interested in performing, please speak with your teacher and sign up using the QR code in your teacher's studio.



CMS HONORS RECITAL

Sunday, June 7 @ 2:00 p.m.



The Montante Cultural Center, at Canisius College
All performers are selected by the faculty, based on performances during the CMS Skills Showcase.

JUNE RECITAL FEST

Saturday, June 13

The first recital starts at 12 noon with recitals every 45-minutes. If you're interested in performing, please speak with your teacher and sign up using the QR code in your teacher's studio.

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
(15 year olds who have completed kindergarten)

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Closings

In honor of Memorial Day, CMS will be closed Monday May 25. There will be no scheduled lessons or classes.

Students are not billed for when the school is closed.

ALL VOICES CONCERT

APRIL 28, 2026
7:00 P.M.

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

JOY OF SINGING
TOTALLY TWEEN
CMS VOCAL CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
CMS FACULTY PERFORMANCES

WITH CMS SPRING SWEEPSTAKES PRIZE DRAWING

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

COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

Faculty Spotlight



Meet voice instructor Reese Holahan
Reese Holahan (tenor) is a performer, teacher, and scholar based in Buffalo, NY. He holds a Master of Music in Voice Pedagogy from Shenandoah Conservatory, and he is a graduate of SUNY Fredonia with degrees in Voice Performance (BM) and Communication Disorders & Sciences (BS). Reese's performance résumé includes credits with the Hillman Opera, the Western New York Chamber Orchestra, the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus, SongFest, Shenandoah Conservatory Opera, Collaborative Piano Institute, and Charlottesville Opera. He currently performs as a staff singer in the Westminster Choir. He is professionally affiliated with the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS), the Voice Foundation, and Pan-American Vocology Association (PAVA). He currently serves as Journal of Singing Intern with NATS.



Meet Music Therapist Ethan Cullinan
Ethan Cullinan, LCAT, MT-BC is a board-certified music therapist, graduating from NYU with a Master's in Music Therapy, and receiving his NY State licensure as a Creative Arts Therapist (LCAT) shortly thereafter. His clinical focus has primarily centered around mental health services, with work spanning across inpatient, outpatient, and private practice settings. He has spent a majority of his 10-year career providing both music & talk therapy to clients in Brooklyn, Rochester, and Buffalo, and has had the privilege of getting to know and help support individuals who come from all ages, races, orientations, identities, challenges, abilities, beliefs, socioeconomic statuses, and walks of life.



Meet piano instructor Claudia Andres
Claudia Tower Andres received her A.S. in Music from N.C.C.C., her B.M. in Education from the Crane School of Music at Potsdam and her M.M. in Piano performance & Accompanying from Arizona State University. Claudia has performed with the Niagara Falls Orchestra, the Amherst Symphony Orchestra, and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. Claudia has recently retired after thirty years of teaching at NFHS and Wilson school districts. She taught elementary through advanced high school and beyond. Claudia is a seasoned music director and stage director for countless MS and HS musicals, and has won several Kenny Awards for Best Choral Performance. She has also won many other awards, most recently receiving the BPO/NCMEA Award for Excellence in Music Education. Claudia currently enjoys performing with the Ladies First Jazz Big Band and with her husband's band Brass Chance.

