

## WELCOME TO THE APRIL MSW NEWSLETTER

Spring has finally arrived as so has some great news for MSW. Over the winter months we worked very hard planning new classes and arranging more performances for our students for the spring and summer. We hope to expand our enrollment by offering new group sessions and having more opportunities for performances.

One of the big things we are excited about is that we will be participating in the Mayfaire summer concert series. This is a wonderful opportunity for our MSW students to perform on an outdoor stage in front of a live audience. Our faculty will also be performing at Mayfaire so be sure to check back with us for concert dates and times.

MSW is also excited to announce our Jungle Rapids Music Scholar Program. At the end of March, we set up a booth for a drawing that will be held at Jungle Rapids. Sign up began the last week of March during spring break and will continue to run through the middle of April. This is an opportunity for new students to win a season pass at Jungle Rapids as well as 6 free music lessons or free tuition at one of our many summer camps so tell all your friends to head down to Jungle Rapids.

Last month, Vic Firth Recording Artist, Jeff Sipe and his Trio were here for a drum clinic. They performed, gave away prizes, and answered questions. It was amazing and the audience had a great time. If you ever get a chance to see the Jeff Sipe Trio, I highly recommend it. These guys are amazing players and they did not disappoint at the clinic or the following night when they performed at the Rusty Nail. We will keep you posted for their return.

We are happy to announce that we will be offering some new classes this summer. They will include group piano and group guitar. This is a great way for you and your friends to have fun and get involved with music. It is also another option if you would like lessons but prefer the group setting to the individual one.

On top of the group classes, we are in the process of getting more classes together including: basic music theory and ear training, jazz combos, songwriting, and adult rock fantasy camps. Pro-Tools is another cool addition that we offer about home and studio recording software. We will have brochures at the school for those of you that might be interested in this. If you have any other ideas for potential classes you would like us to offer, please let us know. We appreciate any feedback you have about MSW so please stop in and talk with us.

In March we did a short version of our Jam Rock Camp where we had 3 weeks to get our songs ready instead of our usual 6 weeks. We were very fortunate to get a group of “rockers” that were very dedicated and willing to practice hard given the short amount of time. This group not only pulled it off, but also threw in a little of their own flair into the performance. MSW would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication. Without them, this Jam Rock session would not have happened. While talking with them after the performance, we felt compelled to ask them some questions about their experience. Here’s what they said: When asked about the overall experience, they agreed that “it was very organized and felt they knew the music better having rehearsal time extended to two hours instead of the usual ninety minutes.” We then asked them

what their favorite part of the rock camp was and their response was “to be able to play and learn from the other musicians in the group.” The final question was if they liked having the final performances and the unanimous response was “yes.” The Jam Rock participants were – Alexis Shiro, Sean Crane, Aaron Mercer, Dawson Bristol, and Adriana Contreras, all of whom, rock.

Finally, we are in the process of starting a YouTube channel and restructuring our website. We are going to have Jam Rock and Recital performances uploaded so be sure to check the web on that stuff.

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We would also like to thank all the parents and students for their participation in everything we do at MSW. Without you, we would not be able to offer all the classes and lessons we do, so thank you all very much. Summer camps are just around the corner so make sure you get signed up early as these will be filling up quickly.

We will continue to keep you all posted and feel free to stop in and hear what we are up to.

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