

## Welcome to our March Newsletter!

Welcome to our first newsletter ever! **The Music School of Wilmington** will now have a recurring monthly newsletter for students and parents to keep them informed on all the activities performances, events, and achievements of our students.

### Notes from the Director:

We are very proud to be entering our third year at the Music School of Wilmington. Every day creates a new set of challenges, and trials, especially with this uncertain economy. Gratefully, we have more students enrolled now than ever before! We are also very fortunate to have a great faculty and staff here at MSW, and that makes our job more satisfying plus, knowing that we are a major influence to so many musicians in our region is not so bad either.

Highlighting this month we will be featuring national **Vic Firth** and **Sonor** artist drummer **Jeff Sipe** and his Trio. He will be hosting a clinic on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the recital hall at MSW. Tickets will be available the day of, or in advance for **\$5.00**. Jeff will be available for private lessons, but only on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

### New Classes Offered:

The first new program we are starting is **Songwriting 101**. This is a 3-week course that will start on the 6<sup>th</sup> and go through the 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a variation on our **Jam Rock School** curriculum with the focus on composition. This will be a shortened beginner course with the predecessor to the full songwriting class being offered later this spring. Our class will include basic music theory, ear training, rhythm transcription, and composition. The students will be in charge of composing their own music, running their own rehearsals (under staff supervision), and will assist staff in the recording process of their own original piece. We are in the process of offering several new classes this spring so be sure to keep checking in to see what new classes and programs are available.

### Other news:

**Sean Crane**, a 12 years old guitar student of instructor **Chris Luther**, has been a featured performer at **Francesca's** in Wilmington. He has performed at the “**Taste of Guitar**” clinics along with being a long time student in our **Jam Rock** program and **Jam Rock School**. Also featured at the “**Taste of Guitar**” in Hampstead, was standout, young guitarist **Skylar Smith** who is currently enrolled in our **Jam Rock School**.

The next full **Jam Rock School** session starts April 10<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>. You are encouraged to sign up two weeks in advance for all classes.

**Don't forget... Sign-Ups Are Now Available For All Summer Camp Programs!**