



TAKE PART



Newsletter of the Music Conservatory of Coeur d'Alene

Mission

The Music Conservatory of Coeur d'Alene is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) dedicated to musical excellence through accessible instruction, collaborative partnerships, and inspiring performances.

We offer:

- Private Music Lessons
- Group Classes
- Music Therapy
- Community Concerts

Board of Directors

Chris Fillios, President
Jim Petersen, Treasurer
Zoe Ann Thruman, Director
Walter Burns, Director

Staff

Cynthia Newkirk,
Executive Director

Kent Kimball,
Artistic Director

Lisa Arellano,
Bookkeeper

MUSIC CONSERVATORY
OF COEUR D'ALENE

PRESENTS

HANDEL'S
Messiah

SAVE THE 2024 DATES!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - 6 PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - 2 PM

Schuler Performing Arts Center
North Idaho College, CdA

Interested in supporting or taking part?
Call us at 208-551-3933.

Orchestra & Chorus Conducted by
Kent Kimball

cdaconservatory.org

SAVE THE DATES!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

This year, we are hosting **two performances** of our **third annual production** of **Handel's Messiah** at the **Schuler Performing Arts Center** in Boswell Hall at North Idaho College. If you are interested in supporting or taking part, please call us at 208-551-3933 or email to registrar@cdaconservatory.org.

RICHARD WINS in VIENNA!

Our esteemed faculty instructor Richard Altenbach will travel to Vienna to accept 2nd Prize in the Int'l Piano Composition Competition for his "Jester's Waltz"!

[READ the article in the CDA Press](#)



MCCDA on the Cover of Lake Coeur d'Alene Neighbors Magazine

We are so excited to have been featured on the cover of the July issue of this wonderful direct-to-home neighborhood publication. We know we have a fantastic story to tell and we're so thankful to reach even more prospective families, students and supporters in the greater Lake Coeur d'Alene community!

[Read the full article here.](#)



Hamilton House / Music Conservatory of CDA Recognized by Preservation Idaho in 47th Annual Orchids & Onions Award for "Friend of Preservation"

We are so honored for this recognition of the incredible group effort on research by Deb Mitchell, Zoe Ann Thruman and Cindy Nunn, and the financial support of Steve Widmyer and Don Smock that saved this lovely house that we call home. Deb Mitchell and her husband Marshall will travel to Pocatello for the awards ceremony on August 10.

[Read the announcement and full press release here.](#)



Thank You William Cooper-Fillios for Generous Donations

We send our heartfelt thanks to our youngest donor to date **William Cooper-Fillios**, grandson of our Board President **Chris Fillios**, amazed us with his very generous donation of \$ 1,500 from his trust and his half-size violin valued at \$ 1,000. William is just 11 years old and was here visiting all the way from Australia, the land down under. He is a gifted violinist that played the Star Spangled Banner during our Fourth of July Porch Party!



SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS CONTINUE THROUGH

AUGUST 23 - Keep the kids busy & explore music in classes such as our popular Mini Music Makers (6 months to 7 yrs) and Intro to Guitar, Ukulele, Hand Drums & Saxophone.

REGISTER at
cdaconservatory.org/courses.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, August 2 - Art on the Green at North Idaho College Campus.

Our amazingly talented faculty will perform on the South Stage:

- 1-1:30 Youth Choir w/Emily Sana, Director & David Brewster, piano
- 1:30-2 David Brewster, piano
- 2-2:30 Jazz Quartet: Rhys Gerwin, Luke Webb, James Schmahl & Hannah Harder
- 4:30-5 Flute duets by Wendy Smith & Hannah Nordlie
- 5-5:30 Sax & Guitar duets, Hannah Harder & Luke Webb
- 5:30-6 Nanette Erickson, violin / Wendy Smith, flute / Diana Pratt, piano

We'll also have a booth to meet & greet Festival attendees!

Wednesday, August 21 - Friends of the Music Conservatory Reception

This will be a special gathering of our donors and supporters to join us for a lovely evening of fine music and hear about our plans for the next phase of the Music Conservatory.

Saturday, September 21 - Mark your calendar for **Autumn Affair**, our annual Oktoberfest fundraiser on the lawn of the Music Conservatory featuring performances by BrassX5, the Alphorns, many of our talented faculty & students and an exciting silent auction!

SPRING / SUMMER EVENTS RECAP

May 11 - Memories with Moms Brunch & Tea. Special guest **RuthAnna Rauer**, who as a child lived in the Hamilton House attended and made a special donation in memory of her mother. Thank you to our amazing faculty who performed beautiful music including **Wendy Smith with Diana Pratt, Nanette Erickson, David Brewster, Alyssa Jacobs, Julia Petersen, Hunter Strobel and Emily Sana**, along with our Youth Choir.

continued next page



RECENT EVENTS RECAP

May 11 - Memories with Moms Brunch & Tea - *continued*

Thank you also to our amazing volunteers - **Tish Smith, Lisa Arellano, Donna Guhl** and Youth Choir Moms **Rose Backs & Kat Souser**. Many Thanks to these wonderful organizations who generously contributed items and experiences for our silent auction: **The Blackwell Hotel, CDA Summer Theater, Spokane Symphony, Follow My Lead Dance Studio, The Ivy Bakery, Culinary Stone, Bombastic Beer, Lola Wine Lounge, Cheryl Jeweler, Flowers by Lily Garland, Elizabeth Percy Photography, 208 Massage, Hegel Yoga, Bravenly Health, and Ruben Miranda.**

May 15 - Bike Week. Once again this year, we participated in the CDA Parks & Rec Bike Week. Our **Youth Choristers Asher Atwell** and **Ava Newkirk** joined the ride with **Choir Director Emily Sana**, and the Youth Choir sang afterwards.

May 31 - Lunch & Learn: The Alexander Technique. Guest Speaker **Liis Todd** presented a fascinating workshop on this unique tool for improving coordination and enhancing performance. Partially funded by the **Idaho Humanities Council.**

June 7 - North Idaho Family Day in the Park - Our Youth Choir, directed by Emily Sana, including Olivia Backs, Noah Crandall, Ava Newkirk and Amelie Souser, performed on the stage at City Park.

June 20 - Shakespeare CDA's A Midsummer Night's Dream -our faculty **Andrew Mauer** (piano) & **Nanette Erickson** (violin) will perform.

July 4 - CDA Parade & Porch Party - This was our first year in the CDA Parade! We had a blast loading up our float with our students & their families who waved to the crowd tirelessly as we made our way down Sherman Avenue! Thanks to **Kent Kimball, Cynthia Newkirk, Jim & Julia Petersen, and Lisa Arellano** & her son **Gilbert** for helping with the float and carrying our banner! Many thanks to **Kim & Erik of Kona Ice** for pulling our float in the CDA Parade and for generously donating 20% of their sales of their shaved ice treats to our nonprofit! Also, thank you to our **Youth Choir**, directed by **Emily Sana** and accompanied on piano by **Matthew Stolley**. The crowd on our lawn enjoyed their lovely patriotic tunes!



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Many thanks to Rhys Gerwin, Faculty Instructor

In addition to his amazing talent for teaching guitar, ukulele, bass, piano, percussion and vocals, Rhys led our studio software migration. We appreciate the many hours he has dedicated to the project. He also assembled our cool electronic drum kit!

Welcome New Faculty!

Hannah Harder - saxophone

Danté D'Angelo - sax, clarinet, guitar, percussion, oboe

Luke Webb - piano & guitar

Hannah Nordlie - flute



Read their bios here: www.cdaconservatory.org/faculty

Welcome to Lisa Arellano, Bookkeeper

Lisa brings her expertise and dedication to managing nonprofit finances. She always volunteers for special events and additional office tasks. Lisa is a true blessing to the Music Conservatory!



Welcome Matthew Stolley, Instrument & Music Librarian

Matthew brings his passion for music and attention to detail to this much needed role of keeping our assets organized! Matthew also volunteers for special events and will teach upcoming classes soon!

