

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Hoffman Academy Families,

It's a beautiful sunny day in Oregon, you'd never guess that summer is coming to a close. Mr. Hoffman and I spent our summer with our kids - helping them to squeeze piano lessons and piano practice into and around outings, trips, and great family times. I hope your summer was just as great and that you were able to make lots of memories to talk about for years to come.

At Hoffman Academy we want people to have beautiful, happy, fun-filled memories around making music. This year, as you get your schedules set and practice routines underway, I encourage you all to set aside some time to use piano practice to make happy memories together. Take a moment to sit and listen to your child play and appreciate all the hard work that went into their mastering piano as a skill.

If you're like me, you may forget to just listen, with no agenda, no correction, to just delight in and praise their piano accomplishments. Make sure to let that happen - let yourself enjoy it! They wouldn't be making that great music without your hard work and dedication. My favorite kind of family time always involves music. Whether our boys are practicing or simply playing their favorite pieces, there's nothing like hearing that joyful sound fill our home.

This fall, in the back-to-school mayhem, I hope you take the time to truly enjoy the piano together. You deserve it!

Sincerely,
Kelly Hoffman
CEO Hoffman Academy

CALENDAR DATES

Hoffman Academy's Fall semester runs from September 10 through February 2, 2019.

Please keep in mind that our breaks do not always correspond to the local school breaks. For instance, we don't have lessons and classes on Halloween, but we do not have lessons on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. If you are ever unsure if there are classes on a given day, please check out the calendar page of our website at:

www.hoffmanacademy.com/portland/calendar.

Mark your calendar - Parent Orientation Night is coming up!

Parent Orientation Night Wednesday, October 3rd 7:00-8:30pm At Christ United Methodist Church

(12755 NW Dogwood Street)

Parent Orientation Night is **required for new families** (at least one parent from each family, please), **and returning families are strongly encouraged to attend as well.** We will be discussing tools to help children be successful students and intrinsic motivation in learning. The meeting is targeted to parents only-- children don't need to attend (and they'd probably be bored).

Spooky Music Night Saturday, October 27th at 4:00 & 5:45pm Location TBD

Join us for a new and exciting evening of Halloween-themed music! Enjoy music from some of our own students. This is a fun way for our students to perform what they've been working on! Details about the music night will be sent out closer to the date.

Avamere Assisted Living Performance Monday, January 28th at 6:30pm Location TBD

Each semester we try to provide performance opportunities at Avamere, a local assisted living center. This is a great way for our students to get performance experience in a fun, relaxed setting while providing a service to our community. Details will be sent out closer to the date.

FALL 2018 ACADEMY CALENDAR

Thurs, Sept 6, 7-8:30pm	Fall Parent Orientation
Mon, Sept 10	Begin Fall Semester Instruction
Wed, Oct 3, 7-8:30pm	Fall Parent Orientation
Mon, Oct 22-Sat, Oct 27	Come Together Week (No Regular Lessons, Group Class Schedule)
Wed, Oct 24	Make-up Lessons for Halloween
Sat, Oct 27, 4pm & 5:45pm	Spooky Music Night
Wed, Oct 31	Halloween – No Regular Lessons
Mon, Nov 5 – Sat, Nov 10	Mid-Semester Progress Meetings
Mon, Nov 19 – Sat, Nov 24	Thanksgiving Break – No Lessons (Academy Closed)
Thurs, Dec 13, TBD	Avamere Beaverton Assisted Living Holiday Concert
Mon, Dec 17 – Sat, Dec 22	Come Together Week (No Regular Lessons, Group Class Schedule)
Mon, Dec 24 – Sun, Jan 5	Winter Break – No Regular Lessons/Classes
Thurs, Jan 3	Last Day for Fall Students to Cancel Spring Enrollment
Mon, Jan 7	Lessons/Classes Resume
Sat, Jan 26, 10am – 2pm	Hoffman Academy Open House
Sat, Jan 26, TBD	Voice Dress Rehearsal
Mon, Jan 28, 6:30pm	Avamere Assisted Living Center Performance
Sat, Feb 2	Fall Recital
Sat, Feb 2	End Fall/Winter Semester Instruction

FALL 2018 RECITAL SCHEDULE

Fall Recital – Saturday, February 2nd

At St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church (17435 NW West Union Road, Portland, OR 97229)

& Cedar Hills United Church of Christ (11695 SW Park Way, Portland, OR 97225)

We are pleased to announce the recital schedule for the Fall 2018 Semester. Each teacher has a specific designated recital time for all of his or her students. We believe recital attendance by both the student and the teacher is a very important and valuable milestone in the student-teacher relationship. Each student is asked to plan to attend the recital time designated to their teacher below.

Unfortunately, we cannot allow changes to students' recital times. Because each teacher only has one scheduled recital time, students will not be able to request changes. **Please mark your calendars** now to ensure your student is able to attend this important milestone in their musical education.

Please Note: *There is a dress rehearsal for voice students only this semester. Due to venue availability we will be having the recitals on the same day at different locations.*

VOICE DRESS REHEARSAL – Saturday, January 26th

Exact Time & Location - TBD

LOCATION #1: St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church

17435 NW West Union Road, Portland, OR 97229

RECITAL - Saturday, February 2nd

9:00 am	Mr. Matt
10:30 am	Mr. Aron
12:15 pm	Mr. Brenden & Mr. Joseph B.
1:45pm	Mr. Marshall
3:30 pm	Ms. Stephanie
5:00 pm	Mr. Brandon

LOCATION #2: Cedar Hills United Church of Christ

11695 SW Park Way, Portland, OR 97225

RECITAL - Saturday, February 2nd

10:00 am	Ms. Theresa
11:45 am	Ms. Emily S
1:30 pm	Ms. Natalie
3:15 pm	Ms. Emily T
4:45 pm	Mr. Alex

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER TO THE ACADEMY!

Emily Telling's love of music started at an early age and took shape when she began piano lessons at just six years old. She continued piano lessons and piano performance all through grade school and junior high. In high school she expanded on her musical talents by learning to play multiple instruments and deepened her musical maturity by performing in local ensembles, including Puget Sound Youth Ensemble and WMEA's All-state honor band. High school summers were spent traveling to Michigan to study at Interlochen Center for the Arts, where she was selected to perform in a master class with world renowned pianist Olga Kern.

Post high school she continued her music studies at Pacific Lutheran University, where she graduated with her B.M. Music in piano performance. During her studies, she won the prestigious PLU's Student Soloist competition. Emily recently graduated with her M.A. in Piano Performance from Washington State University, studying under Dr. Karen Savage and Dr. Jeffrey Savage. During her graduate studies at WSU she earned the opportunity to teach undergraduate group piano classes as well as private lessons through WSU's Piano Pedagogy Lab school. When not playing piano, Emily enjoys spending time with family and rock climbing.

We are so proud and excited to welcome such a talented teacher to our team. To learn more about Emily, or about any of our teachers, visit our website at www.hoffmanacademy.com/portland/teachers.

Tuition Payments	Auto Pay Option
Monthly tuition payments are due on the 1 st of each month, with late fees of \$15 assessed for payments received after the 10 th . Payments can be made using auto-pay, or by cash, check or credit card.	Receive a \$20 discount and have your tuition payment automatically deducted from your checking account each month. You can find an auto-pay application form at the Academy or at https://www.hoffmanacademy.com/portland/forms/

Email is our primary form of communication. If you are not receiving emails from us, or if your email changes mid-semester, please let us know so we can update our records. Add Office@hoffmanacademy.com to your email address book in order to ensure your spam filters do not reject our emails.

SICK & MAKE UP POLICY

If your student is ill and will be absent for a lesson, please call or text your teacher directly. Make up lessons are not offered if lessons are missed or cancelled by the student. However, since your lesson time reserves your teacher's time each week for you, if you miss a lesson your teacher will spend that time creating practice suggestions or make-up materials for you. If you know 48 hours in advance that you will miss a group or partner lesson, your teacher can make an audio recording of the lesson for you. Please email them directly to request an audio recording.

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