



"Nurturing tomorrow's musicians today!"

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Benefits of Performing

As is customary with performing arts, a performance event or recital is an important aspect of a developing musician's education. We consider performances to be a celebration of a student's musical achievements. Cornerstone Music Studios organizes and hosts many enjoyable celebrations of music, recognizing and sharing their accomplishments. We believe students experience the following benefits of performing:

1. Performing takes great courage and develops character.
2. Performing boosts confidence.
3. Performing heightens awareness for other performers and the arts.
4. Performing helps improve communication skills with students, other adults and teachers.
5. Performing provides hands-on experience for proper recital, public presentation etiquette.
6. Performing gives students a chance to shine!

All of these are wonderful reasons for a student to perform - whether it's getting up for the first time in front of a large audience and playing a piece on the piano, guitar, drums or clarinet - or getting up and facing the audience to sing for the first time! All of which are worthy of applause! Younger, more inexperienced piano students can get past the very basic beginning skills and move on to actually play real music. Sitting in the audience, observing the other students develop an eagerness to do what they are seeing. It is the most positive peer pressure there exists!

While participation is optional, but encouraged, most of our students are thrilled to share their talents with their families and friends and demonstrate progress and growth they have achieved over the past year. For those few students who have reluctantly agreed to participate, we make this a fun, memorable experience for them! There are four types of performance events Cornerstone Music Studios provides:

1. Mini Recitals
2. End-of-the-Year Recital
3. Seasonal Outreach Performances
4. Senior Recital

Mini Recitals are always held at Cornerstone Music Studios, 358 Sweetmans Lane, Millstone Township, NJ. They are special performance opportunities because the environment is comfortable, intimate and informal. We strive to create a relaxed climate for students to feel at ease with performing in front of an audience, albeit small. Faculty identify and invite students who are prepared with repertoire to perform. We try to schedule our Mini Recitals, on average, once a month. Due to our space limitations, only 9 students are ever scheduled to perform in a Mini Recital. Family and friends are always welcome to attend!

The **End-of-the-Year Recital** is always held the first weekend in June at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Freehold, NJ. Several 1-hour programs are arranged to accommodate students and their availability. This performance event has become significant because students have worked throughout the year setting goals with their teachers. It is the perfect setting for students to showcase their repertoire. The church seats nearly 200 so there is plenty of room for family, friends and neighbors to attend!

Seasonal Outreach Performances are held at local retirement communities, nursing homes, churches and performance spaces at different times during the year (usually around the holidays). The students love sharing their music with residents, friends and family members!

Senior Recital is new this year! Cornerstone Music Studios will be entering its 5th year anniversary and a number of students who have studied with us will be graduating from high school. We will be scheduling a Senior Recital in May featuring the accomplishments of these dedicated students. All Cornerstone Music Studios students and families are welcome to attend in support of their hard work and progress!

Performance Fee

There is no admission charged to attend any of the aforementioned performance events. As one might imagine, there are substantial costs involved with renting performance space, preparing and printing programs and procuring supplies related to creating a positive, memorable experience for all in attendance. Cornerstone Music Studios includes a \$50 performance fee at the time of registration for this purpose.

“AH, MUSIC ~ A MAGIC BEYOND ALL WE DO HERE!”

J. K. Rowling,

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, 1997

MISSION STATEMENT

Cornerstone Music Studios at Millstone provides quality music instruction in a professional, friendly and nurturing environment to students of all ages fostering their musical development and confidence and cultivating a passion for music. As a community-oriented studio, Cornerstone Music aspires to promote the positive values of music by bringing families, neighbors and friends together to inspire all to embrace the gift of music and make all feel as though they are a part of something especially remarkable!