



# HOLY FAMILY CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

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# New school year at the Conservatory starts after Labor Day, Tuesday September 7

We are excited to see you!  
Don't forget to bring your  
smiles, memories of your  
vacations, and love for music!  
In this newsletter you will learn  
about our new instructors and  
programs.



We would like to  
welcome two new  
piano instructors:  
Mrs. Beth Schultz and  
Ms. Rissel M Peguero  
Almonte!

Ms. Katie Christenson took  
a new job position  
elsewhere.

Thank you Katie for  
teaching this summer and  
we wish you good luck in  
your future!

# Please welcome a new piano instructor, Mrs. Beth Schultz!

Beth Schulz has been an avid lover of music all her life. She plays the piano, flute and sings. Beth is a Green Bay native, graduating from Preble High School. After obtaining her Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology (with a minor in music), Beth started her 26-year career as a speech language therapist in the public schools. During this time, Beth devoted much time to sharing her musical skills with Solo and Ensemble students as piano accompanist. She performed with rock 'n roll dance bands in the 1990's playing for weddings and social gatherings. Beth also played in pit bands for various high school musicals. After taking early retirement from the Public Schools, Beth decided to pursue her career in music. She enrolled in the music program at UWGB, with a piano focus. She studied four years under the direction of concert pianist Dr. Michael Rector. She graduated in 2018 and has been teaching piano students of all ages for the past four years. When opportunity presents, she still performs with ensembles, show choirs and college students. Beth is excited to be a part of the Holy Family Conservatory of Music this Fall.



# Please welcome a new piano and voice instructor and Choir Director, Ms. Rissel M Peguero Almonte!



Born in the Dominican Republic, Rissel and her family moved to the United States in 2001. Although a singer her entire life, Rissel began piano lessons at the age of 15. In 2017, she graduated from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay with a Bachelor of Arts in Music, studying under Dr Michael Rector and Dr John Salerno. As a composer, arranger, recording artist, producer, and manager, Rissel's projects include four albums of original music, working with her partner Matthew Hillman, jazz guitar professor at UWGB, and The Band Pegasis, which includes her partner and her two sisters, Marvelis and Yaina.

Pegasis was recently nominated for a WAMI (Wisconsin Artist Music Industry) for Best Latin/Funk band, and also performed at Oshkosh's first Jazz Festival, sharing the stage with artists such as Joey DeFrancesco and Haley Reinhart. Pegasis was also invited to perform their original music at the Weidner Center for the Performing Arts. Rissel teaches private piano and voice lessons, is the pianist at Green Bay Trinity Lutheran Church, is the collaborative pianists for many choirs in the Fox Valley Area, including a recent tenure at the Lawrence Academy of Music Girl Choir. She has performed with many ensembles and artists including the Green Bay Civic Symphony, Mark Wood of the Transiberian Orchestra, and Steve March-Tormé, to name a few. Rissel is proud of her diverse background and thanks her parents for instilling in her a love for music. She loves to talk about anything so feel free to say hi!

# Join CHOIR on Mondays



*The Conservatory invites you to join CHOIR on Mondays*

- ▶ **CHILDREN'S CHOIR (grades 4-7)**  
at 5:00-6:00 and
- ▶ **CONSERVATORY CHORALE (grades 8-Adults)**  
at 6:15-7:45

First rehearsal – September 13, 2021

**REGISTER TODAY** at [www.hfconservatory.org](http://www.hfconservatory.org)

**Current students of the Conservatory  
receive 50% discount**

Don't sing to yourself only. Make your gift heard. Voice lessons are available at the Conservatory! Let us know if you are interested.



Please help us to get the word out!

## **Handbell Choir** at the Conservatory

Fall 2021, Session 1: September 7 – October 23

First rehearsals are on September 9, 2021



### **Conservatory Ringers** **HANDBELL CHOIR** for experienced ringers

Are passionate about **HANDBELL CHOIR** and have experience such as the following?

- ▶ at least 3 years of piano/band instruments
- ▶ at least 3 years of handbell choir experience

Join our **ADVANCED GROUP**  
**Conservatory Ringers**  
Rehearsals are 5:00-6:30 pm on Thursdays

### **Lakeshore Ringers** **HANDBELL CHOIR** FOR BEGINNER ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Were you amazed when you heard a Handbell Choir for the first time? Children entering at least grade six in 2021-2022 may join the beginner group. Adults can join and become a ringer too if they have had

- ▶ piano for one year
- ▶ band instrument for one year

Join our **BEGINNER GROUP**  
**Lakeshore Ringers**  
Rehearsals are 4:00-4:45 pm on Thursdays



# Group Classes at the Conservatory

## It's time to plan for the Fall

*Fall 2021, Session 1: September 7 – October 23*

Are you or someone you know interested in **VIOLIN SUZUKI CLASS** for children **ages 4-8**? The first class is at 5:00-5:45 on Tuesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. You will meet an experienced violin instructor who is kind, patient and passionate about music!

Also, **CURRENT VIOLIN STUDENTS** can join **Violin Ensemble** at 4:00-4:45 on Mondays. First class is on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss this unique opportunity to enjoy a big string sound, sense of community and new repertoire!



Maybe you have always wanted your children to begin playing piano. Or perhaps YOU want to start taking lessons or refresh your piano skills. Now you can do BOTH!

**THURSDAY is a piano group day for EVERYONE:**

- ▶ **4:30-5:15 Piano Discovery for ages 5-8**
- ▶ **5:30-6:15 Piano Adventures for ages 9-14**
- ▶ **6:30-7:15 Piano Adventures for ages 15-Adults**

Don't wait – register now AND let your friends know about piano classes!



# Help your friend/neighbor/stranger OR make a birthday/Christmas/other present

Our dream is that ANYONE who wants to learn a musical instrument is able to register regardless of their financial situation. There are families who at times struggle to pay tuition for their children. We try as much as we are able to help them. WITH YOUR SUPPORT and HELP we will be able to continue this assistance. If you would like to donate any number of lessons (one, seven or more) to help other students be able to continue learning music, please contact Sister Carol Ann Gambsky or Dr. Varshavski.

Also, you may want to consider a gift for your family members and/or friends with lessons/group classes.



It's time to register!

***Fall registration is  
now open***

**Register Here**

## PRIVATE LESSONS OFFERED

- VOICE
- GUITAR/UKULELE
- VIOLIN/VIOLA/CELLO
- HARP
- WIND INSTRUMENTS:
  - TRUMPET
  - CLARINET
  - SAXOPHONE
  - FRENCH HORN
  - FLUTE
- PIANO

Dear Students!

We want to respect everyone and feel comfortable and safe.

Wearing masks at the Conservatory is at the discretion of your individual instructor.

Please contact your instructor before coming to your lesson/class for further instructions on the matter of masks.

Thank you for your cooperation!



# ***Music for Tots™ program is back!***

*Fall semester: September 28-December 3*



Tots from birth to age five are enrolled in a ten-week music class each semester, Fall and Spring. Each class is limited to eight children of the same general age.

Parents and teachers involved in the Music for Tots™ program offered through Holy Family Conservatory of Music readily affirm that participation in these music classes improves not only the tonal, listening, rhythmic and coordination skills of the children, but their verbal and socialization skills as well as their ability to follow directions, focus attention, and share with their peers. Above all, music classes teach the child how to sing and enriches their lives for a lifetime!

Music for Tots™ classes offer 30-minute classes for children from infancy to three years of age, and 40-minute classes for older threes, fours and fives. Parents participate with their children in classes for infants and toddlers. In the transition age of three, the children become more independent. In classes of three-and-a-half to five-year-old, the preschoolers participate in songs, rhythm games and activities independently, with parents present but not actively involved.

**Please visit [hfconservatory.org](http://hfconservatory.org) to see a schedule and register**

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OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 2:00 PM

## *Varshavski-Shapiro Piano Duo*



Buy tickets at [www.hfconservatory.org](http://www.hfconservatory.org)  
or call to reserve tickets at 920-654-6597