



# *HOLY FAMILY CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC*

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# Holy Family Conservatory of Music

## *Mission Statement*

*Holy Family Conservatory of Music is a unique ministry of the Franciscans Sisters of Christian Charity. It was founded to share with students, their families, and the surrounding communities the beauty of music by: providing music instruction; promoting performance and appreciation skills, and encouraging reverence for all persons. In the tradition of St. Francis and the Franciscan Sisters, we recognize the power of music to: transform the ordinary; heal broken spirits; unite hearts; nurture the inner spirit, and encounter God. In this spirit, we gratefully continue the tradition begun in 1925.*

# A NEW SCHOOL YEAR HAS SATRTED!



Dear Students and Family Members!

We are very excited to see you all in the new school year! We hope you will continue enjoying our programs. There are many recitals, festivals, and master classes will happen in 2019-2020. We will keep you posted, and you will not miss anything.

As you all know, there are many unique programs at the Conservatory such as Music for Tots, Group Piano for children and Adults, Private lessons, and Children's Choir. Please recommend *Holy Family Conservatory of Music* your friends and spread the word.

**Let's make the Conservatory community even more known!!!**

# Mark your Calendar Upcoming events

October 27, Sunday, at 2:00

## ➤ **The Conservatory Recital, Oct. 27**

Performing is a great opportunity to set a goal, achieve it, and let an audience enjoy music. Plan on participating ahead. Don't be shy to share your gift and achievement and Invite as many people as you can!

## ➤ **Piano Day@Holy Family College, Nov. 9**

There is nothing better than having a full day dedicated to the art of piano playing, teaching, and listening.

The event is open to pianists from grades 6 through 12, their teachers, and parents. You can register for the entire day or choose activities in which you would like to participate. The event participation fee is \$20.

November 9, Saturday

Please consider participating in one or more activities! Contact Dr. Shapiro for more details at [Diana.Shapiro@holyfamilycollege.edu](mailto:Diana.Shapiro@holyfamilycollege.edu).

9:00 – 12:00 Competition for High School Students (grades 9-12)

- ▶ Professional evaluation and feedback
- ▶ One composition from standard original piano repertoire. Memorization is required.
- ▶ Monetary prizes available (\$100 –Grand Prize, \$50 – First Runner-Up; \$25 – Second Runner-Up)
- ▶ Music merit scholarships to attend Holy Family College (pending full acceptance by the College)

12:00 – 1:00 Campus Tour and Lunch (sponsored by Admissions)

1:00 – 5:00 Master Class for students (grades 6-12)

Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra  
The Stefanie H. Weill Center for the  
Performing Arts

Saturday, October 5, 2019

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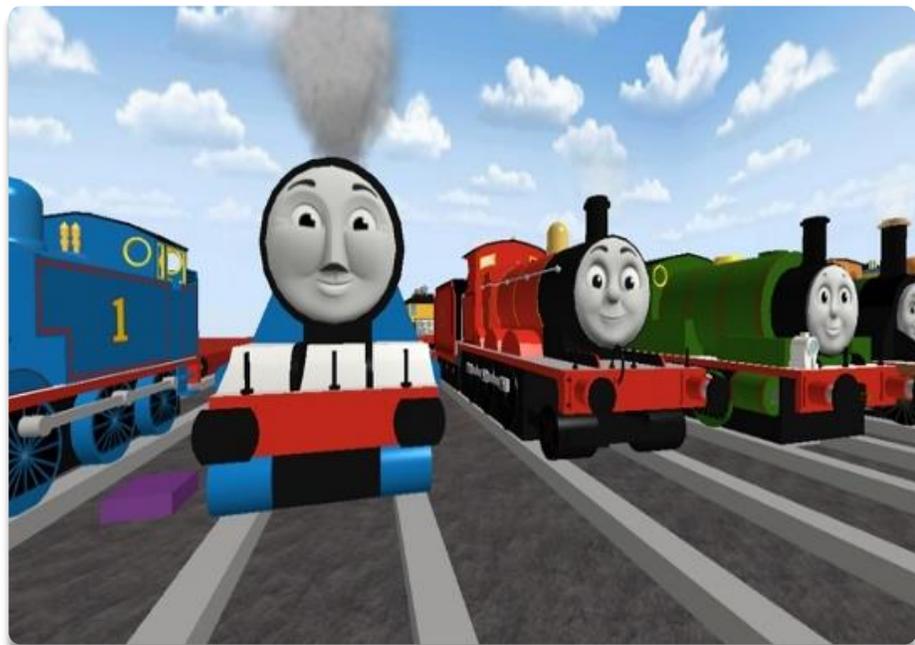
*Diana Shapiro, piano*  
*Stanislava Varshavski, piano*

*(Debut of the Bemis Steinway & Sons  
Model C Grand Piano)*



# FRIENDS DRIVE FRIENDS

a new way to help each other



Dear Parents! We know it could be a challenge to drive your children to/from the Conservatory. We understand that all of you are very busy and really appreciate your efforts to participate in our programs. Some parents cannot resolve a driving problem and decide to not take lessons/classes only because they cannot find a ride for their children. We need your help and support and would like to offer you a way to help each other. "Friends Drive Friends" is like a carpooling but without sharing a ride cost. You will find a form in the waiting area where you are asked if you need a ride or are willing to give a ride. Please leave all filled our forms there and feel free to exchange the forms. For a safety reasons fill out a line where it asks about an instrument/teacher. You can ask us if it is a real person who has agreed to help. We hope "Friends Drive Friends" will help you to relive a pressure and keep enjoying your live.

# The funniest classical musicians, past and present

(The stories are taken from Internet)

With centuries of history behind it and notoriously strict concert conventions, classical music often comes across as a humorless endeavor.

But in fact, classical musicians are among the funniest and most fun-loving people you'll meet. Maybe their sense of humor and desire to laugh — often at themselves — is the natural counterpoint to the seriousness of their art.

Over the years, several musicians have distinguished themselves as comedians, some as a complement to their careers as performers while others have made comedy a full-time profession.

Here are our favorites, from long-gone legends to rising stars.

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## *Victor Borge*

► <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWqFaGwNCMU>

The son of Danish Jewish musicians (his father was a violist), Borge was a concert pianist who tried including a bit of stand-up comedy in his performances and it was a big hit. When he emigrated to the U.S. to escape the Nazi occupation of Denmark, he learned enough English at the movies to adapt his routines and began building a huge and adoring public.

One of his best routines featured soprano Marilyn Mulvey, whom Borge would accompany on the piano, with predictably hilarious results. In another, he would ask if there were any children in the audience. If there were, he'd announce, "that means I can't do the second half in the nude. I'll wear the tie. The long one."

In this segment, he turns his attention to the lowest of classical music life forms: the page-turner.

