

Year in Review

2024



MUSIC Defined in 2024

By: Fern Flicker, Music Director & Booking Agent

2024 started off strong and kept on going all year long. Identifying and exploring the true definition(s) of music and its transformative powers is the foundation for how I run my business.

According to Oxford Languages, music is “vocal or instrumental sounds (or both) combined in such a way as to produce beauty of form, harmony and expression of emotion”. According to www.vocal.media, “music, an art form as old as humanity itself, has an incredible ability to transcend boundaries, evoke emotions and heal the soul. It is a universal language that knows no barriers of age, culture, or language, connecting people on a profound level.”

When people ask me the proper age to start lessons there is never one specific answer. Every learner is individual. For adult students, I tell them it's about time and interest. For the preschool age child, I tell the parent it's about interest and focus. But no matter the age it's always about love of music and how it makes us feel.

Making Music & More spends a lot of time bringing music to senior communities and no matter the cognitive condition of the audience it always brings people together. We provide weekly entertainment to some communities and monthly entertainment to others. And the enjoyment it brings in the time spent listening is worth its weight in gold. And with our preschool partner, it's about the introduction and helping them to develop a love of music and its many genres.

Most of the time we send professional musicians out to entertain at our senior community partners. And sometimes it's students who go out to share their gifts. We try to instill the concept of giving back through music to our students and it brings me such joy to see the interactions that go on and reminds me why I have chosen this path in my life's journey.

I am grateful to be able to continue to bring music to the lives of so many. I am grateful for our students and their families for wanting to instill music in their homes. I am grateful for the amazing talent pool we have developed over the years. I am grateful for the new referrals who come our way. I am grateful for the talented teachers who choose to work with me.

And now, at the start of our 20th year in business I look forward to the new year and all it holds. Happy new year and thank you for giving my life purpose!

A Note from Fern...

The year was all about love of music.

We shared live music with several different senior communities throughout the year.

We continued booking live music for private events. We conducted regular music classes at a local preschool and are currently in our 3rd year doing this.

We conducted 2 different in-person recitals, 1 in-home holiday recital and 2 special performances.

We look forward to 2025 and all the music it will offer to so many.

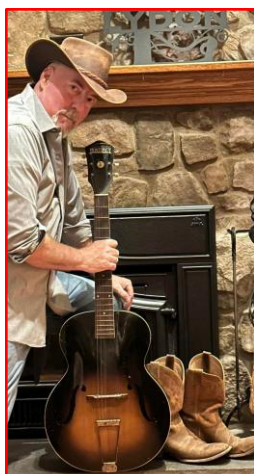
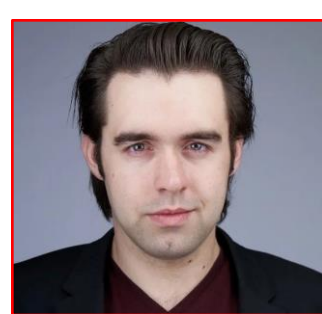
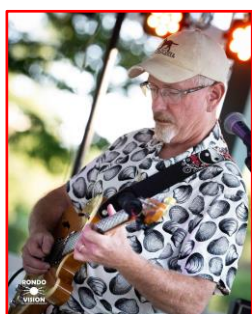
Thank you for inviting me to keep the music playing in your lives!



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Musicians on the Move

Making Music & More offers music for all occasions. We offer live in person performances at local venues, events, private parties, and senior communities with our vast roster of musical talent.



Student Spotlight Recital

Chase Cummiskey, Elin Hirsch and Holden Leonard are 9th grade students in the Central Bucks School District and take piano lessons from Fern Flicker. They are extremely dedicated and committed students who enjoy opportunities to share their musical gift. They take 60-minute lessons weekly and year-round as their talent continues to grow. They accompanied Fern to The Village at LifeQuest in Quakertown for a 90-minute piano performance in July of 2024. They worked hard creating the repertoire and practicing in preparation. They played from their hearts and brought joy to the residents that day. They will hopefully perform again at local senior communities in summer of 2025.



Our 2024 Communities

We continued to bring a wide variety of live music and programming to various communities. We are already booking for 2025!



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AT NEW BRITAIN

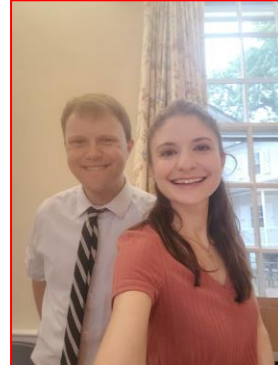


**The Village at
LifeQuest**

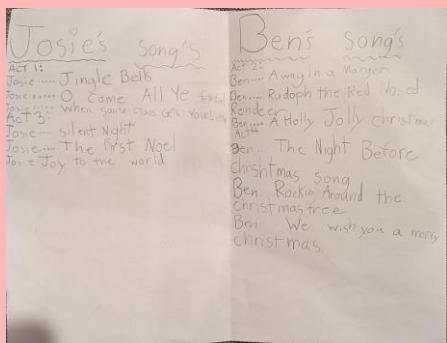


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Spring Recital – June 14, 2024



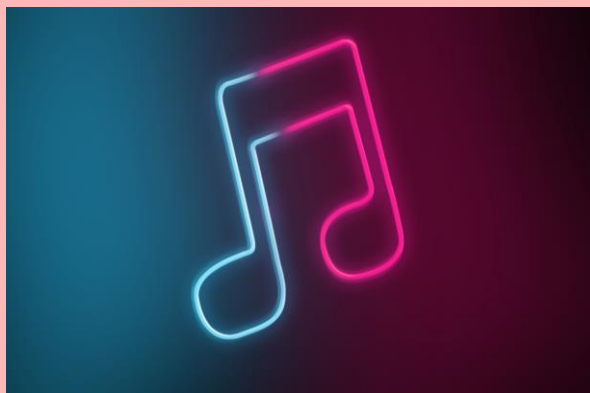
Special Performances – Nov/Dec 2024



Ben and Josie Whyte put on another in-home recital for the holidays. Their family members gathered around the piano to enjoy the festive music.



Chase Cummiskey conducted a solo holiday recital for the residents of Friends Village in Newtown PA. It was a festive time for all who attended.



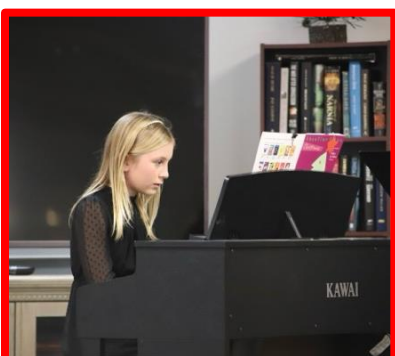
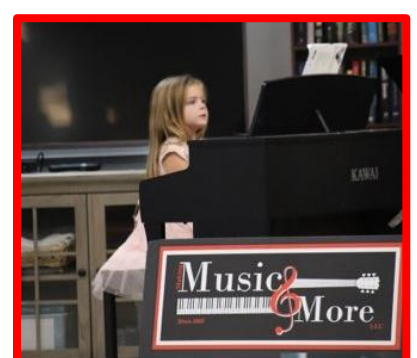
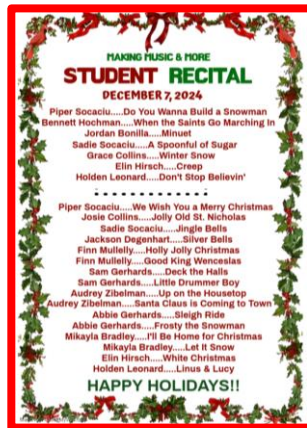
Mikayla Bradley and Holden Leonard conducted a music and craft workshop for the residents of New Seasons at New Britain. It was a huge success, and fun was had by all who took part.

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Holiday Recital

New Seasons at New Britain

12/7/2024



Teachers



Sal Repper
Guitar, Clarinet



Rich Cox
Vocal, Guitar, Piano



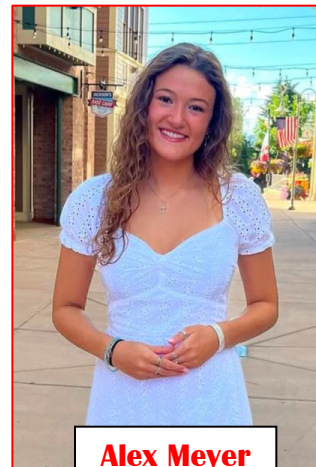
Natalie Repper
Violin, Piano, Guitar, Vocal



Stephen Gliatto
Piano



Fern Flicker
Piano



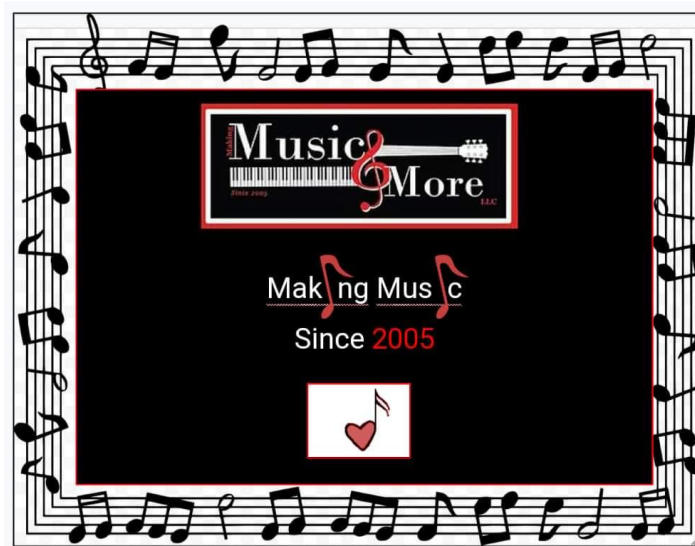
Alex Meyer
Piano



Will Fredendall
Flute, Piano, Saxophone



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Making Music & More created a YouTube channel in 2020 as an outlet for our students to share their talent for your enjoyment. Subscribe and enjoy as we continue to add and share music!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6LURPvn-iPEBKNJl1QnJZQ?fbclid=IwAR1sCJQQ76khjPNy84GoC16AVqAGZPMNRpwsHjjowTtfp72WthPyVXCJ6YY>



Save the Date...

**Spring Recital
June 13, 2025
6pm
James Lorah Auditorium
Doylestown PA**