

Learning music

Ever wonder how to read music? Many people know, there's only seven letters in the musical alphabet: ABCDEFG. When you look at written music, you'll see horizontal lines grouped together. The groups of horizontal lines in music are called [staves](#). Each staff has 5 lines (although before Bach's time they sometimes had many more, or one less – more on that in a later newsletter). Notes are placed on the lines or the spaces between the lines. The higher the notes are on the staff, the higher the pitch is. How do we know which note is which? Well, one way is by using a [treble clef](#). It looks a little like a very fancy G and it's also called a G clef. The treble clef circles around the second line of the staff. That indicates that the note “G” is played on that line. You can count up or down from there to find the other notes. More on how to read music in the next issue of *Music Notes*!

Looking for a violin, viola, or piano teacher? Contact [Moonlit in the Sun](#) at 571.223.5321

Make your own

Hey, you can make your own little stringed instrument. Take a small box that is open and doesn't have a top (a cardboard jewelry box works great for this). Wrap some rubber bands around it. Pluck the bands over the opening to hear them make a sound. To change the pitch, pull the rubber bands tighter. Not quite Carnegie Hall material, but it gives you an idea of how the violin works. Instead of the open box, we just have two holes on top of our instrument. Try different sized boxes to get different sounds.

Upcoming [Moonlit In The Sun](#) Performances

- Performing on Thursdays at [The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm](#) in Lovettsville, VA. For reservations call: **540.822.9017** and tell them **Moonlit In The Sun** sent you!
- March 7 – Leesburg's First Friday – from 6:30-9:00pm. Location to be announced on the [First Friday website](#)!
- April 12 – Loudoun County Arbor Day – from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Banshee Reef Park in southwest Leesburg.



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Upcoming concerts of interest:

Loudoun Symphony Concert Schedule

- **Saturday, February 23, 4:00 p.m. Dance Fever** side by side concert with the Loudoun Youth Symphony. Concert will be held at Stone Bridge High School, Ashburn, VA. FREE
- **Saturday, March 8, 8:00 p.m.** (location TBD) **and Sunday, March 9, 3:00 p.m.** at Loudoun County High School, Leesburg, VA. **Timeless Treasures** featuring Smetana: Vltava (The Moldau); Becket: The Glass Bead Game (Larry Williams, French Horn); and Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 6, op. 74 "Pathetique"

Concerts at Shenandoah Conservatory

- **Sunday, March 02, 2008 Faculty Jazz Ensemble** performs at 7 p.m. in Armstrong Concert Hall. FREE
- **Sunday, March 16, 2008 Shenandoah Conservatory Arts Academy Choir Festival** concert begins at 3 p.m. in Armstrong Concert Hall. The concert features three choirs of the SCAA – Angel Chorale, Blue Ridge Choristers and Top of Virginia Youth Chorale – as well as the Winston-Salem Children's Chorus of North Carolina. Janet Copple Davis and Barbara Copple Beattie are co-conductors for the event. The concert is free, though donations are gratefully accepted. Call 540/665-4602 for more details
- **Wednesday, March 19, 2008 U.S. Marine Band** performs at 7:30 p.m. in Armstrong Concert Hall. FREE
- **Saturday, March 29, 2008 Shenandoah Singers** perform at 7 p.m. in Armstrong Concert Hall. FREE
- **Sunday, March 30, 2008 Shenandoah Conservatory Symphony Orchestra** performs with the Student Soloists Competition winners at 3 p.m. in Armstrong Concert Hall. FREE
- **Saturday, April 05, 2008 Shenandoah Conservatory Arts Academy Chorale** conducted by Michael Main, performs at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Winchester. The concert features Faure's "Requiem" and other choral/organ works in a memorial concert honoring the lives lost in Iraq. The AAC is affiliated with the Shenandoah Conservatory Arts Academy of Shenandoah University. FREE
- **Sunday, April 06, 2008 Shenandoah Conservatory Arts Academy Chorale** conducted by Michael Main, performs at 3 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville, Va. The concert features Faure's "Requiem" and other choral/organ works in a memorial concert honoring the lives lost in Iraq. The AAC is affiliated with the Shenandoah Conservatory Arts Academy of Shenandoah University. FREE
- **Thursday, April 10, 2008 Shenandoah Conservatory Brass Ensemble** performs at 7 p.m. in Armstrong Concert Hall. FREE
- **Saturday, April 12, 2008 Cantus Singers**, under the direction of Karen Keating, will be perform at 3 p.m. in Armstrong Concert Hall. FREE
- **Sunday, April 13, 2008 Shenandoah Chorus**, under the direction of Karen Keating, will perform Rossini's PETITE MESSE SOLENNELLE with faculty soloists: Aimé Sposato, soprano; Kathryn Green, alto; Michael Forest, tenor; Philip Sargent, bass; and Fenni White, piano. Perform will be at 3 p.m. in Armstrong Concert Hall. FREE
- **Tuesday, April 15, 2008 Shenandoah Conservatory Percussion Ensemble** performs at 7 p.m. in Armstrong Concert Hall. FREE
- **Friday, April 18, 2008 Shenandoah Conservatory Choir** conducted by Robert Shafer, performs at 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore. For ticket information, visit www.strathmore.org
- **Friday, April 18, 2008 Guest Trumpeter Jens Lindemann** and the Shenandoah Conservatory Jazz Ensemble perform at 7 p.m. in Armstrong Concert Hall. FREE
- **Friday, April 18, 2008 Pianist John O'Conor** performs at 8 p.m. as part of the Conservatory Premiere Concert Series at the Washington Conservatory (1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda, Md.) Visit www.washingtonconservatory.com FREE
- **Sunday, April 20, 2008 The World of the Piano** concert featuring John O'Conor begins at 3 p.m. in Armstrong Concert Hall. Admission is \$15 for adults; \$5 for students.
- **Tuesday, April 22, 2008 Jazz Combos** perform at 7 p.m. in Armstrong Concert Hall. FREE
- **Wednesday, April 23, 2008 Shenandoah Conservatory Guitar Ensemble** performs at 7 p.m. in Goodson Recital Hall. FREE
- **Thursday, April 24, 2008 -through- Sunday, April 27, 2008 A Midsummer Night's Dream** an opera by

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Benjamin Britten, is presented at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday in the Ohrstrom-Bryant Theatre. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for students; FREE with SU I.D. Call the box office at 540/665-4569.

- **Sunday, April 27, 2008 Charlene Romano and Friends** faculty recital at 7 p.m. in Armstrong Concert Hall features Charlene Romano, flute, with John Romano, clarinet, Megan Cassada, bassoon, Jessica Frost, harp, and Karen Keating, piano, presenting works by Ibert, Hovhanness, Muczynski, Godard and Poulenc. FREE
- **Friday, May 23, 2008 The 6th Dimension Handbell Choir** a Shenandoah Conservatory Arts Academy ensemble, performs at 7:30 p.m. in Goodson Recital Hall on main campus. FREE

Waterford Concert Series

- **Sunday, March 16, 2008, 4 p.m. Domingo-Cafritz Young Artists.** Young opera singers and directors under Placido Domingo's guidance prepare for careers in the Washington National Opera and other major companies. High-spirited and accomplished, these artists thrill audiences fortunate enough to see them in action. Be sure to subscribe or book early for this popular concert.
- **Sunday, April 13, 2008, 4 p.m. New Century Saxophone Quartet.** A quartet of saxophones—soprano, alto, tenor, baritone—is a perfect vehicle for a versatile repertoire from Bach to Bernstein to today's composers. The New Century has won critical acclaim for recordings and performances of Bach's *The Art of the Fugue*, works by 21st century composers and jazz. This concert puts the Quartet's "elegant musicianship" and range on full display.

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