



CENTRE *for* MUSICAL MINDS

MEET-THE COMPOSER FALL RECITALS

- **Featuring music by:** Mona Rejino | David Karp
Mike Springer | Kristin Yost | Holly Kessis | Neeki Bey

November 2nd & 3rd, 2019

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Meet-the-Composer Fall Recitals

Saturday November 2nd 2019 – 6pm

Steinway Hall, Plano

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Eloise Seaward.....Reflections by Kristin Yost
Bijoux Cummings.....Sunny Yellow by Mona Rejino
Sophia Ann Bruno.....Deep Blue by Kristin Yost
Marshall Heinz.....Wolfie Goes Bark by Holly Kessis
Sophia Ann Bruno.....Gliding by Elvina Pearce
Marshall Heinz.....Eine Kleine Nachtmusik by Mozart
Logan Wheeler.....Novi by Kristin Yost
Ashlee Bylund.....Afternoon Siesta by Holly Kessis
Duncan Seaward.....Sunset in Rio by Mike Springer
Samara Cummings.....Elusive Blue by Mona Rejino
Monica Pliego.....Foggy Day Blues by Mike Springer
Bijoux Cummings.....Love Story by Taylor Swift
Liam Seaward.....Autumn Breeze by David Karp
Chrislynn Jerald.....Waves by Kristin Yost
Ana Pliego.....Nocturne by Mona Rejino
Liam Seaward.....I'm Still Standing by Elton John
Brienne Tseng.....One by Neeki Bey
Brienne Tseng.....Draw Me Close arr. By Mark Hayes

Short Bios of Composers

Mona Rejino - *"Through piano study you learn curiosity, creativity, fearlessness and perseverance. These are traits that will help you in all aspects of life."*

Mona Rejino is an accomplished pianist, teacher and composer that resides in Carrollton. She is a co-author of the Hal Leonard Student Piano Library and Adult Piano Method. An active presenter representing Hal Leonard, she has given workshops in over 100 cities throughout the United States and Canada.

As a composer, Ms. Rejino draws much of her inspiration from the needs of her own piano students. Her numerous published works in the Hal Leonard Piano catalogue include solos, duets, collections of original compositions and arrangements. She maintains a private studio where she teaches students of all ages and has done so since 1983.

Mike Springer

Mike Springer is a composer, pianist and teacher in the Dallas area. He has performed in concerts in North America, South America and Europe. As a composer, Mr. Springer has written numerous piano solos, duets, pieces for small and large ensembles as well as written and produced music for radio, film and TV commercials. He is currently under an exclusive contract with Alfred Music as a composer and arranger of piano literature.

In addition to his performances, students and compositions, Mr. Springer enjoys adjudicating various piano and composition festivals and contests throughout Texas, Arizona and California and conducts workshops sponsored by Alfred Music throughout North America.

David Karp

Dr. David Karp is a nationally known pianist, composer and educator based in Dallas. He is a Professor of Music at SMU Meadows School of the Arts and served for years as the Director of the National Piano Teachers' Institute.

As a clinician and adjudicator, Dr. Karp has traveled the United States from Alaska to New Hampshire, as well as internationally. He was recently honored with the establishment of an annual David Karp Piano Festival which is held each spring at Kilgore Junior College. In June of 2000, Dr. Karp served on the panel of judges for the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

Holly Kessis

Holly Kessis is a teaching artist and budding composer/arranger. Her first collection of pattern-based pieces, titled the Wolfgang Series is inspired by her dog Wolfie, and other furry music loving friends in her life and in the lives of her colleagues.

Miss Holly is an active member of the Music Teachers National Association and recently presented a lecture on Millennial music teachers at the 2019 national conference. She teaches students of all ages at the Centre for Musical Minds, as well as performance classes and music camps.

Neeki Bey

Neeki Bey is a versatile musician and composer. He is the creator of the World Music piano series PianoAccents, which features music from Bollywood, Latin America and Africa. He has also written meditative piano music for intermediate and advanced students, as well as modern pop songs in English and Italian.

When Bey isn't composing, you can find him traveling the world, gardening or creating beautiful spaces

UPCOMING EVENTS!

NOVEMBER 15TH - Pay-in-Full Promotion Ends

NOVEMBER 16TH - 2 Community Outreach Events (sign up online)

NOVEMBER 25 - DEC 1 - Thanksgiving Break (no lessons)

DECEMBER 14TH AND 15TH - Salubrious Juice Bar Gigs (sign up online)

DECEMBER 15TH JAN 5TH - Christmas/Winter Break (no lessons)

Thank you to the faculty, parents and students that make CMM such a special place to grow! Kristin



Kristin Yost is the founder and director of the Centre for Musical Minds. Co-founded in 2008 with SMU Dean of Meadows Sam Holland, CMM represents the best of the popular and classical worlds.

What inspires Yost to create experiences and music for her students is the idea that every person is a collection of strengths, and it is the responsibility of the teacher to identify and enhance those natural talents. Through joy and hard work combined with intelligent and artistic teaching, we can lead healthier and more fulfilling lives.