

NEXT DOOR SCENE

NEIGHBORHOOD SNAPSHOTS



Bethesda's Niels Verhoeven, 10, plays "Gigue" by Bach on the cello at the International School of Music's recital last month.



Tara Clugston, 13, plays "Lullaby" by Hirsh on the guitar at the same recital. The Clugstons live in Bethesda.

International School of Music bursting with performances in December!

International School of Music presented a musical performarathon for its students and music lovers on Saturday, December 16th from 10am to 8pm. The event was held at Montgomery College Music Recital Hall and it featured classical, popular, jazz, folk and other styles of music. Composers included Chopin, Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Beatles, jazz improvisation, etc. The one day performathon included 5 children recitals, and 1 adult recital featuring total of 182 students performing 196 individual and ensemble performances. There were 90 piano performances, 12 vocal, 27 violin, 18 clarinet, flute and saxophone, 3 cello, 31 guitar and 1 harp performance. Pianist Michael Berkovsky accompanied the students of violin, voice, flute, viola, cello, clarinet, and saxophone. Recitals were concluded with a special ISM faculty performances: Serge Khrichenko (guitar), Michael Berkovsky (piano), Jennifer Rutherford (voice), Bolormaa Jugdersuren (voice), and Mia Pomerantz (guitar).

"We are all so brave", Ann (ISM student who just performed) said. That just about summed up the mixture of relief and pride that ISM's students shared in their performances. ISM students have found an intimacy with music not only in performances, but also in individual lessons through ensembles, workshops, and friendships. Congratulations!

The International School of Music is located in Bethesda, and offers programs to all ages, levels and styles in more than a dozen instruments and voice. Visit www.ismw.org or call 301.657.0763 for more information.