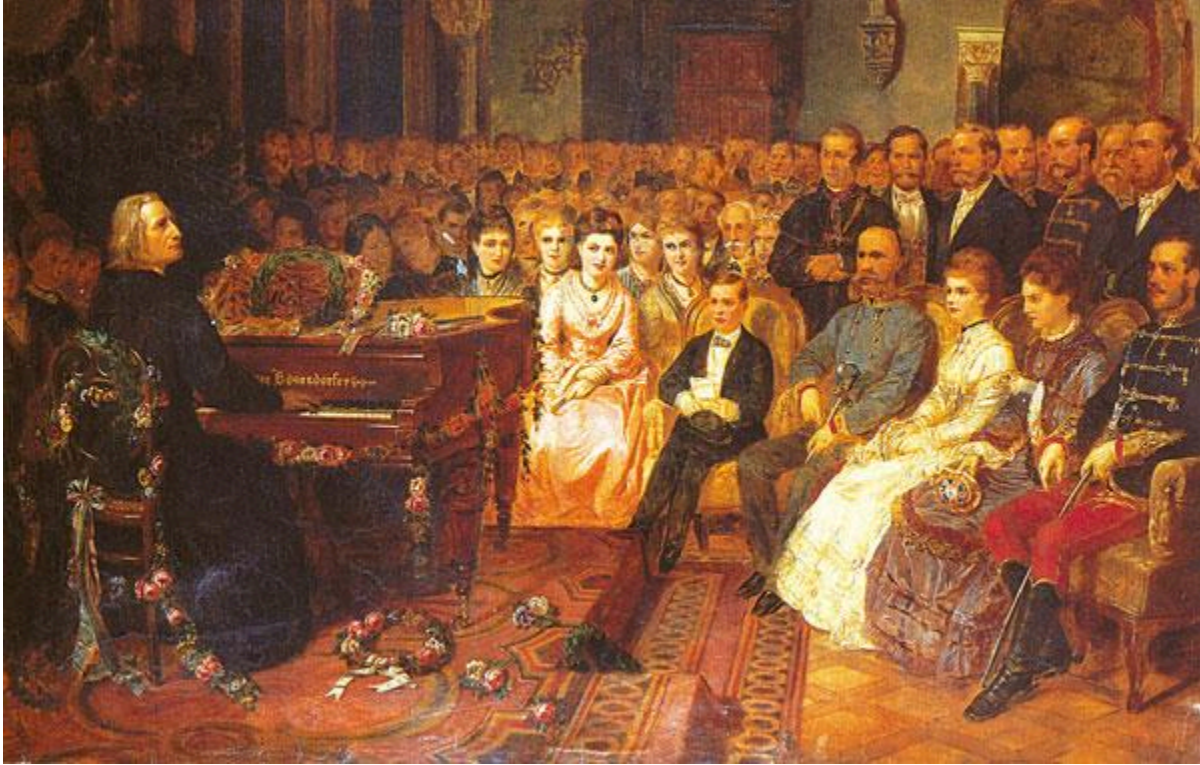


***Mr. Brusoe's Musical Musings:
Saint Agatha Academy Department of Music Newsletter***



In Domino laudabitur anima mea: audiant mansueti, et laetentur. Psalm 33:3

Dear St. Agatha Music Families,

Regina Sacratissimi Rosarii, Ora Pro Nobis! Greetings and blessings as we are beginning the month of October. This month is dedicated Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, and is a great month to begin this devotional practice.

We have a lot of exciting things planned for this month, including our first Bake Sale in conjunction with The Wave to raise money for our new St. Agatha Music Scholarship and Band/Choir Programs. If you would be willing to contribute a baked good, please let Mr. Brusoe know.

Our students will be learning about the poetry and music associated with St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower of Jesus, as well as the life and music of the great Catholic Composer Franz Liszt. Their lessons will include listening exercises and explorations of these two tremendous Catholic figures. You can see a painting of Franz Liszt giving a recital at the top of this newsletter.

In other news: I have now passed my doctoral qualifying exams, and am now a PhD candidate. This means that I am considered ABD (all but dissertation). When I am not working at

St. Agatha, I am diligently preparing my dissertation prospectus (proposal), and preparing to conduct ethnomusicological fieldwork on Latin Mass communities. I am hoping to complete my dissertation and defend it by the end of the school year. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue my studies and research.

Procedimus!

Mr. Brusoe

Class Happenings for the Month of October:

Choir Guild: The St. Romanos and St. Hildegard Choir Guild will have rehearsal on Thursdays from 2:45-3:25PM. This month we will be learning William Karst's *Mass in Honor of St. Cecilia* and hymns for parish Masses. Students who participate in choir guild are invited to sing at the Sunday Masses for the parish.

Beginning and Advanced Band: For the month of October, we will continue to work on basic rehearsal procedures and policies, good practice habits, and fundamentals for each instrument. Advanced Band students will also be working on an auditioned solo for St. Cecilia Day and the Christmas Concert. Details on auditions coming soon.

If you are willing to help out the band for band boosters, please let Mr. Brusoe know your interest. Band Boosters is a valuable way for our program to fundraise and make music sustainable at St. Agatha Academy.

Pre-K and Kindergarten: Music classes will be happening on Thursdays, 30 minutes for Pre-K and 40 Minutes for Kindergarten. Classes will include prayer, folk songs, sacred songs, solfege, dancing, eurhythmics, and musical games. We will also include name games, and games of personal expression so that the students and I can know one another well. If you would like additional music lessons or classes, tuition free, please contact me at rbrusoe@cdlex.org or 859-413-8527.

Elementary Grades (1st-5th Grade):

Our Elementary grades have been working on their listening and eurythmics skills, and are starting to learn their repertoire for the Christmas Concert, which will be premiered at the St. Cecilia Day Celebration.

Fourth Grade is learning about Great Renaissance Composers: Guillaume Du Fay, Binchois, Josquin, Giovanni da Palestrina.

Fifth Grade is learning about American Music. We finished our unit on Indigenous Music, and are moving into Colonial Music and the Music of Appalachia.

Middle School:

This month our Middle School is working on St. Jacques Maritain's *The Responsibility of the Artist*. We are exploring the fundamental question of "What does it mean to be an artist?"

Students are also working on their musical saint and composer projects for this month. Through this project they will be introduced to basic research skills and skills related to exploring music and articulating ideas related to music through writing, speech, and other media.

Ways to support the Musical Arts at St. Agatha Academy:

Please consider making a donation to our Music Program! You may make a donation directly through the office. Our goal is to build up a 3,000 budget for the next school year.

Please also consider contributing to our music scholarship fund. Our goal is to raise enough money to cover a year's worth of tuition for at least one student.