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Newsletter – Autumn 2014

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Gift Postcard for Current Students

Happy news! Current student's families will receive a Gift Postcard that can be sent to a friend or family member for a free lesson! As another ideal Christmas/Sinterklaas gift idea, we are also offering 3 - lesson Gift Certificates for a limited period, available until 25th December! Please see the Current Courses Section on page 3 for full details.



Winter Student Concert – 13th December!

Please mark the date in your diary!

When: Saturday 13 December
Where: Binckhorstlaan 135, Den Haag (5th floor, Mooov)
Time: 3 sessions - 12:00, 13:45, 15:30

Deadline for registration is
8 December at 12:00 noon



For students who have lessons on Saturday, regular lessons will run as usual. Please choose a concert session before or after your lesson to avoid any clash.

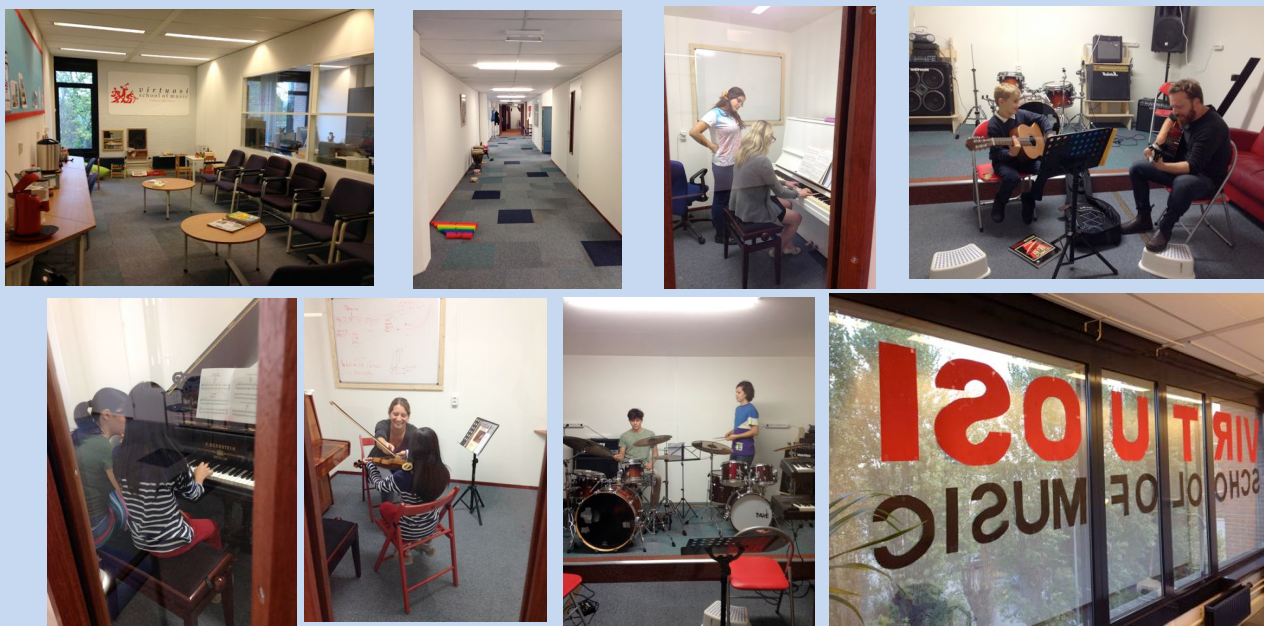
Online links for registration will be sent out to parents soon. Registration is done **by students & parents** (not your teacher!), choosing a maximum of two (2) pieces per pupil in consultation with teachers.

Please discuss with your teacher the pieces before you sign up if in any doubt.

Full details of the pieces should be included along with registration. Entering a student's name as a 'placeholder' without pieces (T.B.C. etc) cannot be regarded as valid registration as we use this form to make the programs.

New Home at Binckhorstlaan 135

We are officially in our new space at 'Mooov' since beginning of September! Virtuosi has been settling very well in the past 2 months. Free Parking is definitely an added asset of the new location! Here is glance of our day to day activities in our new location:



Experience the Walking Tour at Binckhorstlaan

A walking tour to introduce the hidden treasure of the Binckhorstlaan is now being offered in October, November and December through the Bicken & Bincken initiative as part of the I'm Binck Festival. The trip brings up the history, present and future of the Binckhorst area to anyone who is curious about what is behind its industrial looking surface. I was very glad to be able to join the first organized tour on 18th October. During the information packed 4 hour tour we explored the history of the castle behind the Mooov building - now used by the Bergman Clinic; The ultra traditional Paper Factory with its operation completely the same as in the 1950's; The Caballero Fabriek - once a famous cigarette factory known by all Dutch, now a successful redevelopment project hosting more than 100 creative companies. How does a ship access the waters around the Binck? Well, not even a hundred years ago, they should first register themselves at the harbor office. The trip finished by having a wine tasting session at the modern chapel in the green graveyard off the Binckhorstlaan (Begraafplaats St. Barbara). Every place we went there was finger food and drinks prepared with warm hospitality! The tour is quite informative and worth the time that passed quickly! I would highly recommend the walking tour to everyone who would like to explore more of The Hague!!!

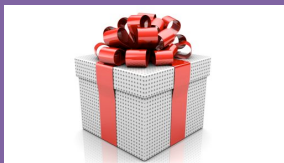
For people who are interested in following the walking tour, registering can be done via the link below or speak to Leo at De LunchBoxx Café. <http://www.bickenenbincken.nl/>

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Current Courses

Christmas Gift Certificate



Hard to buy for friend or relative? Have you thought already what gift to buy for your loved ones this Christmas? If not yet, here is a good gift idea: Give your loved ones a Christmas Gift Card of Music Lessons! Here are the Gift Certificate we are offering:

- A. 81 euro for 3 lessons of 30 mins
- B. 114 euro for 3 lessons of 45 mins
- C. 138 euro for 3 lessons of 60 mins

** Only for sale until December 25th, 2014*

** All lessons to be used before March 31, 2015, at Virtuosi (Binckhorstlaan 135, Den Haag)*

Music Therapy Workshops

Individual and group music therapy sessions can address a wide range of goals such as promoting self-expression and communication, relieving stress and anxiety, focusing attention, building motivation, meeting developmental milestones as well as promoting socialization and healthy peer relationships.

A typical session can range from 30 minutes - 1 hour and include a range of activities including musical improvisation, instrumental playing, singing, songwriting, digital music composition (iPad), and guided music listening. Led by certified music therapist Meagan Hughes, her approach is client-centered, meaning that she always working in the best interest of each individual and responding to his/her needs from moment to moment. Enquiries welcome.

A Note Regarding the Music Theory Class

The Music Theory Class is not running this season due to insufficient numbers. The Theory Class is free for ALL continuing *Virtuosi* pupils, with a minimum of four required to run. There will be a call for interests again in School Year 2015-2016.

Children's Rock Band Calling for Guitarist / Bass Guitarist

We have a drummer who is ready to start the Band, yet we still lacking of a Guitarist, a Bass Guitarist and/or a Singer or Keyboard Player!

Provisional Band Coaching Time: Saturday Mornings, 1 hour session

Drum/Percussion Ensemble

Led by Percussionist Klara Andrlova, a Drum & Percussion Ensemble will be arranged for students who are interested in exploring the wide world of percussion.

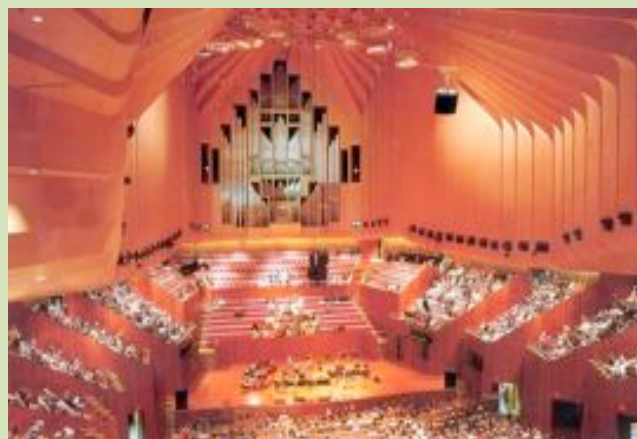
Time: Saturday mornings, 45 minutes Class

"Opening Our Ears to Music" - Adult Music Appreciation Course

Feeling overwhelmed by classical music? Virtuosi School of Music offers an Adult Music Appreciation course for those wishing to enhance their musical experience and understand music on a deeper level. We hope that this course will allow you to get the most from performances, recordings and concerts.

The course will consist of five 90 minute sessions in a friendly social setting, and has already received positive feedback.

To register your interest or for more information, please contact us at admin@virtuosi.nl 070-3834060. Places are limited so make sure you register fast!





Director's Report - Open Day on 5th October

Sunday October 5 marked the official opening to the general public our new 300m2 Studio Space as part of the Mooov collective for Music, Sport & Dance here at Binckhorstlaan 135. Casper Whitman outlined the philosophy of the initiative to all present before I put him on the spot to lead us through a pictorial score for non musicians to lead us through the epic 'Star Wars' with help from our percussion teacher Klara Androva.



Following the Come 'n' Try hour we were treated to concert performances in the 5th floor recital hall overlooking The Hague centre from freshly cleaned windows - staff members Tamas Zador (Guitar), Sarah Nichols (Harp), Pedro Diaz (Guitar) & Sofia Pastor (Violin) along with wing and string ensembles drawn from our educational partnership with the Hofstadts Juegd Orkest joined the recital.



Other's attending included violin builders Koizumi Boosma & Mr. Arnold Utama from 'The Holland Times', along with current pupils, staff and interested members of the local community.

Finally snacks were served with a glass of Prosecco courtesy of the Taylor clan, as both a thank you for staff & performers, and all those who worked tirelessly over the long break , but additionally to celebrate the 6 years of dedication & support that has seen Virtuosi through to maturity.



New facilities showcased included our piano studio (with grand piano) 5th floor recital hall (also with grand piano!) lunchboxx cafeteria (with baby-grand piano) not forgetting one more for luck in the Mooov lobby courtesy of in-house Atelier Jan Gurrink. Additionally our 20m2 percussion & rock band studios will allow us to offer new group courses across a full range of instruments & ensemble possibilities starting with guitar, percussion, band, violin & piano. Feel free to contact us with your request. Wishing you a cozy winter over the festive season!



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