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SILENT FILM

Celebration

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Thank you for joining us for our **fifth annual Silent Film Celebration**, a truly special showcase of performances. We are so excited to bring these films to life with music!

This event is made possible by funds from the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.



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NSMS offers piano instruction to children and adults of all ages and levels. Our unique combination of private lessons and group classes are tailored to support and challenge each student, while offering performance opportunities and peer interaction. Our community includes 400 beginner through advanced students, ages 4 through adult.

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ABOUT THE FILMS

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The Rink - Charlie Chaplin (1916)

12:30pm / 5:15pm

A bumbling waiter causes chaos at the restaurant he works for, then tears up the local rink with his roller skating.



The Haunted House - Buster Keaton (1921)

1:15pm / 6:00pm

A bank clerk ends up in a seemingly haunted house that is actually a thieves' hideout.



The Blacksmith - Buster Keaton (1922)

2:00pm

A quiet village is thrown into turmoil when a reclusive blacksmith, who is greatly feared and rumored to be in league with the devil, is disturbed.



One Week - Buster Keaton (1920)

2:45pm

A newly wedded couple attempts to build a house with a prefabricated kit, unaware that a rival sabotaged the kit's compartment numbering.



The Boat - Buster Keaton (1921)

3:45pm

A man decides to take his wife and children on a boat trip, but things quickly spiral out of control when it begins to sink.



Big Business - Laurel and Hardy (1929)

4:30pm

Laurel and Hardy play door-to-door Christmas tree salesmen who get into an escalating conflict with a homeowner, leading to a comical destruction of property.



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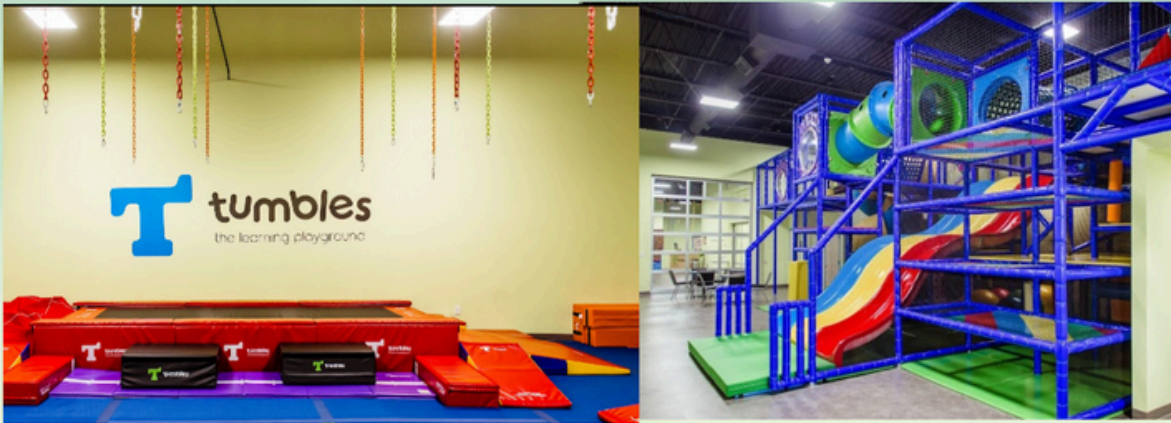
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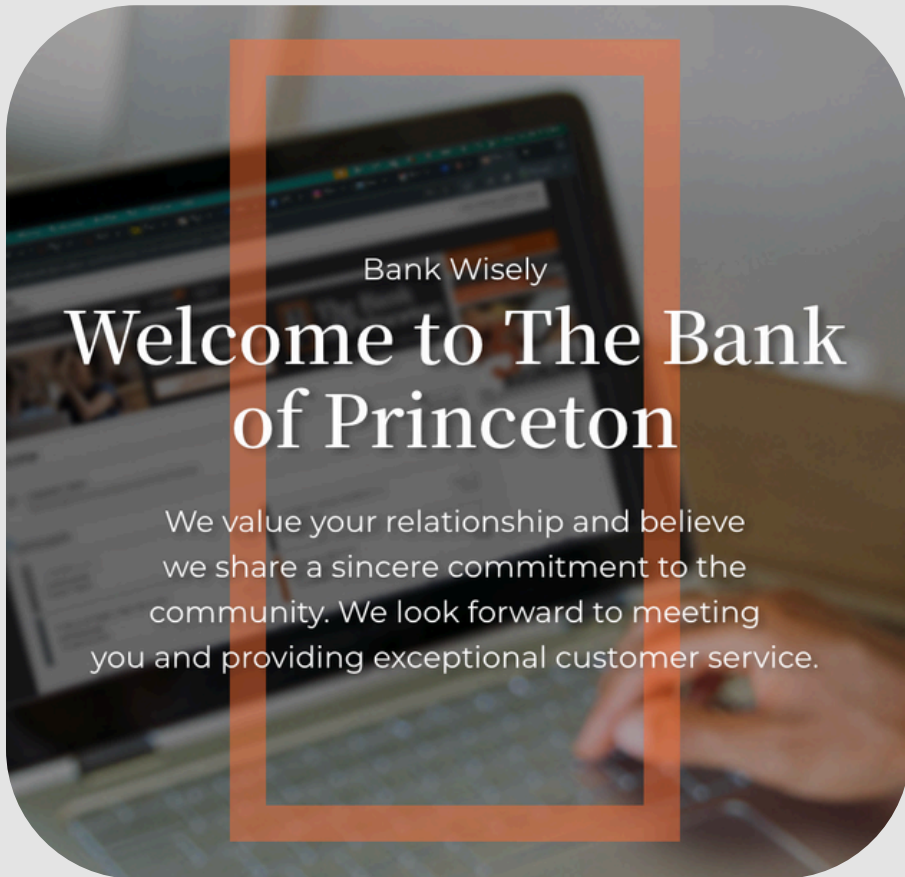
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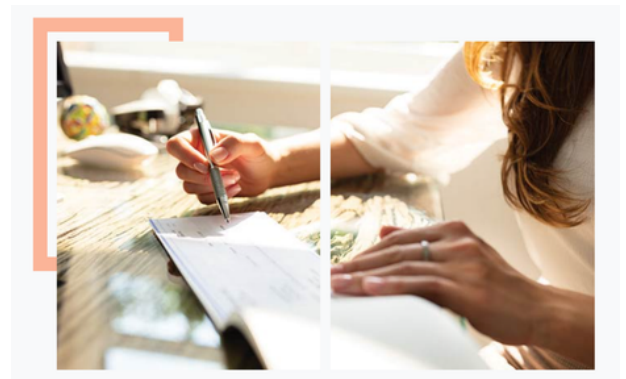
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PERFORMERS

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12:30 **The Rink**

Sebastian Brown
Rishi Parikh
Peter Harisiades
J.D. Chico
Rishaan Sharma
Ruxanda Nedelciuc

Faculty Headliner: MOLLY SANFORD

Parvathi Iyer
Arjun Jay
Chloe Leray
Skylar Fowler Jenkins
Ameya Nair
Samaira Bhattacharya

Ayaan Jay
Anya Chanchani
Mahika Valasa
Danny Altman
Madhavan Iyer

1:15 **The Haunted House**

David Hancock
Netra Bajpai
Mila Somnath
Audrey Howes
Laasya Kethireddy
Hai Long

Faculty Headliner: REBECCA PENNINGTON

Barbara Oterin
Maury Swanson-Berman
Anahita Iyer
Neil Hariharan
Aarush Panigrahi
Deniz Akdugan

J.D. Chico
Diya Jayaprakash
Dhruv Gondu
Arjun Aswin

2:00 **The Blacksmith**

Katherine Daupan
Grant Stoltzfus-Dueck
Leo Arisoy
Keshav Menon

Faculty Headliner: NATHANIEL MAXWELL

Kaya Krolik
Lucas Dillon
Kathy Dzielak
J.D. Chico

Arjuna Dharmadhikari
Nicole Elias
Yunhan Shi

2:45 **One Week**

Ronan Fleming
Margaret Ng
Peter Harisiades
Maxime Fournier
Ronan Fleming

Faculty Headliner: NATHANIEL MAXWELL

Anvay Bobade
Mayka Rios
Adriana Ivanov
Nathan Chen
Evalyn Thompson

André Rios
Lahari Kethireddy



3:45 The Boat

David Dobkowski
Vlad Muresan
Daniel McGrath
Penelope Arfanis
Nicholas Eng
Bhoomi Anireddy
Abigail Esposito

Seymour Jacobson
Alexandria Sousa
Emmie Qu
Paige Lichtenfeld
Aaryan Sunder
Marilyn Ristau
Jocelyn Bivona

Claire Lichtenfeld
Noah Jacobson
Rick Nowalk
Sofia Murtazin
Amay Upadhyaya
Varna Anireddy
Edgar Ristau



4:30 Big Business

Mahira Pilgaokar
Emmett Wuertz
Bartu Atakan
Amyra Pilgaokar
Peter Harisiades

Faculty Headliner: **MOLLY SANFORD**

Vishnuchitta Melukote
Zoey Labrozzi
Dan Meshulam
Myles Ignatowitz
Vidyut Maheshwaran

Shrish Dutta
Sarah McCann
Keshav Raghavan



5:15 The Rink

Aaradhya Pimple
Edouard Verrier
Burhan Cebe
Keshav Raghavan
Sarah McCann

Faculty Headliner: **REBECCA PENNINGTON**

Karan Vaswani
Julia Kikis
Peter Harisiades
Lizzy DeClement
Alice Pennington

Quentin Wong
Judy DeClement
Silas Pennington



6:00 The Haunted House

Faculty Headliners: **MARGIE NELSON & ALLISON FOG**

Akshara Siddharth
Baylee Bamgbade
Rylee Bamgbade
Moksh Savla
Bobby Malieckal
Paavani Chetan

Jasleen Kaur
Dharsan Tamil Selvan
Damanjit Singh
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Summer Piano Classes

Intro to Piano (ages 5-7)

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Join us for a fun-filled introduction to the piano! Students will experience beginning musical concepts and they will learn new pieces. This friendly and encouraging introduction will set students on a path to becoming lifelong musicians.

Ideal for brand new beginners, ages 5-7.

Music & Movement (ages 5-9)

Led by Dr. Qin Ling, certified in Dalcroze Eurhythmics
(connecting music to body movements)



Get moving with music!

This will be a fun, interactive class for young pianists. More details coming soon.

Learn a Pop Song in a Day

Led by Dr. Carla Salas-Ruiz, Piano Performance
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Learn a song from start to finish in a supportive group setting. Styles can vary based on student preferences, with parts adjusted to each level while focusing on timing, style, and musical expression.

Students are encouraged to bring their own song ideas, and we'll work together on arrangements.

How to Practice

Led by Dr. Molly Sanford,
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How do you learn piano quickly, effectively, and frustration-free? You learn how to practice! ...What is practice? Many people are not sure what it should look like. Learn how to level up and master your pieces with confidence. You'll leave with a toolbox of practice strategies to set up for success at home.

Piano Performance Boot Camp

Led by Dr. Rebecca Pennington,
Piano Performance



This class will focus on all the skills necessary to bring a performance to life. Key components will be refining stage presence, developing the artist's individual voice, and conveying the musical mood. Mental preparation for performance and specific performance practice strategies will also be addressed.

Classical Repertoire

Led by Dr. Molly Sanford, Piano Performance
with a minor in Music History



Learn how to tell the difference between Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, and Bartok as we listen through the different time periods of classical music. Each class will feature different pieces, so students will enjoy attending any or all of these sessions.

Sight Reading Challenge

Led by Dr. Carla Salas-Ruiz, Piano Performance
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Build your sight-reading skills in a relaxed, fun group setting! Each class explores new material to improve fluency, accuracy, and confidence, tailored to each student's level.

Repertoire includes solos, duets, trios, and ensemble playing.

Summer Piano Class

Led by NSMS Admin Team (Dr. Rebecca Pennington,
Dr. Carla Salas-Ruiz, Dr. Molly Sanford, and Dr. Qin Ling)



Join our group classes featuring music theory and ear training, games, activities, and performances.

At NSMS, all of our students enroll in both private lessons and group classes. This helps students regularly practice performing, hear other students' pieces, and reinforce fundamental musical concepts - with the added bonus of a fun, group-learning setting!

Registration is now open!



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