

# KSMA EXTRAS

## Fun Activities to Grow Your Abilities

### House Competition

The House Competition will be returning soon with Abbey Gebel collecting points and reporting. Online group class activities will replace group classes and volunteer points will have new requirements. See Zoom Buddies below

### Zoom Buddies

Zoom Buddies is an idea grown out of the idea of practice buddies. Zoom Buddies is an opportunity for students to earn volunteer points by practicing with each other and encouraging younger students by guiding them through difficult lesson assignments or challenge pieces. All this can happen through Zoom meetings

### CAD Activities

CAD, short for Creative Ability Development, and known about the school as improv class, will be providing online tracks to improvise to as well as some ideas for family or online creative activities.



## NEW ZOOM LESSONS

Olivia was hard at work improvising in her zoom lesson when along came her bird Charm! Charm happily chirped along with the blues tune, entertaining everyone! Zoom is the new format of lessons we are all enjoying; we are so grateful to be able to continue our love of sharing our musical journeys!

As the director of the Kanack School, I am delighted to share the news that despite incredible odds, KSMA is weathering the storm beautifully with the vast majority of our students continuing their lessons and practicing hard. In fact, we are amazed to find that students seem to be practicing more than usual! As a result we are putting our heads together to create new activities to encourage, motivate and just have fun from the safety of our homes. In this newsletter you will be able to find fun new ideas to try at home as well as new ways to collaborate long distance.





## Challenge Pieces For Solo Instrumentalists

Coming soon are a variety of challenge pieces at multiple levels for a variety of instruments. The idea is to learn the repertoire at home then, when we are together again, to perform them as a group. Challenge pieces for violinists went out via email a few days ago. These pieces are an ideal way for Zoom Buddies to work together. Students at higher levels can tutor students at lower levels. Students studying the same pieces can help each other perfect the repertoire by sharing



## Here Is A Fun CAD Art Project To Try

This project is called the blind doodle. What makes it a CAD project is the rules we follow when participating in the activity. The rules we follow in CAD class are:

- 1) There's No Such Thing As A Mistake (when we create)!
- 2) Applause And Silence (which means we share ideas and thank each other for them)!
- 3) Never Criticize A Friend (which means that everyone in the creative environment respects each others ideas and only offers supportive comments.) NO CRITICISM! This also means don't write on someone else's drawing!

**To create a blind doodle**, simply lay a piece of paper in front of you and place a writing utensil in your hand. Close your eyes and begin to draw. Don't attempt to plan your idea, simply let your hand float about the paper. Open your eyes and look at what you have created. Have fun finding interesting shapes to explore, color or bring into focus.

