



# Take Note

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Welcome to the start of a wonderful new school year!

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The new school year at RCM is off to a great start! We are so pleased to see so many familiar faces and as well as welcome new students and faculty to our family! This issue of *Take Note* is devoted to introducing you to some of the newest members of our faculty.

*Your referrals are our best source of new students, so thank you for telling your friends and family about all of the wonderful musical offerings here at RCM.*



Michael Humphrey can be found at RCM on Monday afternoons and evenings, teaching Jazz Saxophone, as well as conducting, the Jazz Cats, our new middle school jazz band. Michael plays and assists Mike Smith with our Jazz @the Rock high school jazz band as well. He is currently the band director at Nyack High School. He attended Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory of Music in Cleveland, Ohio, and holds a B.M.E. and an M.M.E. in Jazz Pedagogy from Capital University Conservatory in Columbus, Ohio. Michael has studied saxophone with Greg Banaszak, Mike Tomar, Larry McKenna, and Michael Cox, and has studied conducting with Laura Joss and Dwight Oltman.

Michael Humphrey, Jazz Saxophone,  
conductor, Jazz Cats Middle School Band

We are pleased to welcome Paul Bing to our faculty this year. Paula is currently teaching at RCM on Monday evenings. Paula Chan Bing received her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from the University of Maryland, her Master's Degree in Flute Performance from Indiana University where she was an Associate Instructor of Flute. She was Assistant Principle flutist of the Xalapa, Vera Cruz Orchestra in Mexico, and has performed with the Owensboro Symphony, the Brooklyn Philharmonic, the Harlem Festival Orchestra, Opera Ebony, the Dance Theatre of Harlem, Alvin Ailey, the Chinese Music Ensemble of New York, and others. In the Broadway show, *Miss Saigon*, she played Western flute, piccolo and Asian bamboo flutes.

Paula has worked as an artist/educator for the Kennedy Center, the Los Angeles Music Center, the Lincoln Center Institute, the New York Philharmonic, the Brooklyn Philharmonic, and others, as well as a music education specialist for the Midori and Friends Foundation. She has been on the faculty of Juilliard's Music Advancement Program since 1994, presently teaching flute.



Paula C. Bing, Flute

John Guarino began teaching here during the last school year. John is an accomplished violinist, and he teaches violin as well as piano on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A distinguished RCM alumnus in violin with our founder Ed Simons, and piano with Yelena Kuzmenko, John holds the following advanced degrees: B.M. Manhattan School of Music, M.M. Longy School of Music

John Guarino, Violin & Piano



Maryna Tykhoniuk has joined the RCM family as a piano teacher. She is the former student of our beloved, long-time piano faculty member Yelena Kuzmenko. Maryna teaches at RCM on Monday & Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

Maryna received her advanced degrees in music at the Melitopol State Pedagogical University in Ukraine.

Maryna Tykhoniuk, Piano



Brian Bonvissuto is a freelance trombonist on the New York City music scene. He is a native New Yorker, and comes from a musical family, with his father Bruce also a professional trombonist. He has played and or recorded with such groups as the Lionel Hampton Orchestra & The Duke Ellington Orchestra. He has also performed with Al Martino, Jerry Vale, the Jambalaya Brass Band, and the George Gee Orchestras. On many occasions, he has performed for various heads of state, including Vice President Al Gore, and Senator Hillary Clinton. He most recently led the Gotham Brass Quintet for a dedication ceremony at the United Nations for Secretary General Kofi Annan. Brian holds a BFA from Manhattan School of Music.

Brian's daughter Ella is a piano student at RCM, and we are thrilled to welcome Brian to our faculty.

Brian Bonvissuto, Trombone, Trumpet, Tuba, French Horn, Baritone Horn

Volunteers needed: to distribute concert and event posters, particularly in Northern NJ, Spring Valley, Nanuet & Suffern  
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As we enter cold and flu season, we ask you to please keep your children at home if they are ill so that germs don't have a chance to spread. Let's hope we all stay healthy throughout the winter season.

News and Notes



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