
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Introducing Voice Instructor Rebecca Blumer

Waukegan, IL (October 22, 2014) — WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT-CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION – Welcome Rebecca Blumer, newest voice instructor at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts. Ms. Blumer received her degree in Music Education from Illinois Wesleyan University where she studied voice. Rebecca is the music teacher for Waukegan’s Clearview Elementary School where she plans to start a choir.

Rebecca will be teaching private voice lessons for ages 12 and up at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts on Wednesdays between the hours of 5-7pm starting November 12. The fee for eight half-hour lessons is \$150 for residents and \$155 for non-residents. Please call 847-360-4740 for further details and to sign up for lessons.

The Jack Benny Center for the Arts provides quality music instruction for students in the following instruments: cello, string bass, violin, viola, piano, voice, and flute. Faculty generally provides instruction for students ages 6 and up, dependent on the instrument. Instructors hold a degree in their instrument, in music education, or play professionally. Lessons meet once a week for thirty to sixty minutes. The price per lesson varies with the instructor but ranges between \$16-22 per thirty minutes. The Jack Benny Center offers 5 eight-week sessions over the course of the year. Private lessons allow families to start lessons anytime during a session. Sessions end with a make up week to accommodate student or instructor absences. The Late Fall session starts November 10. Please contact the center for further information at 847-360-4740. Register in person at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts located in Bowen Park 39 Jack Benny Drive, Waukegan, IL. Partial sponsorship of Cultural Arts programs is through a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, an agency of the State of Illinois.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 735 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, an outdoor swimming pool, disc golf course, dog exercise area, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball and tennis. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 59 full-time and over 250 part-time, year round, seasonal, and temporary employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), the Illinois Association of Park District (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and sustains a Level A Loss Control Program. The district was a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013, and awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013.

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