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# Ottley Music School

*November Thanksgiving  
Colesville United Methodist  
Church Zoom Youth Service  
Recital*



*Noteworthy*

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**Colesville United Methodist Church Service, 10:00 am**

**PIANO MUSIC**

*O How I Love Jesus* by Whitfield **Payton Regis & Nevilla Ottley**  
*Prayer for Peace* by David Karp **Aanchal Puri & Nevilla Ottley**  
*Joyful We Adore Thee* Beethoven, G. Smith . **Giovanni McLaren**  
*Troubled Water* by Margaret Bonds . . . . . **Jason J. Geason**  
*Amazing Grace*, adapted & performed . . . . **Ronald W. Crawley**

**VOCAL MUSIC with PIANO**

*Qui Tollis (Who Taketh Away the Sins of the World)* from the  
“Petite Messe Solonelle” by Rossini **Tashyanna Simpson,**  
**soprano, Ugonna Ejekwu, mezzo-soprano**

*The Lord Is My Light* Frances Allitsen . . . **Tashyanna Simpson**  
**Adaugo Ejekwu, Ugonna Ejekwu, Nevilla Ottley**

*Climbin’ Up the Mountain* Spiritual arr. by Patsy Ford Turner  
**Adaugo Ejekwu, Ugonna Ejekwu, Isabelle Arteaga**  
**Adelene Monikam, Tashyanna Simpson, SaVanna**  
**Watts, singers, Nevilla Ottley, Piano**

*May Sunshine Light Your Way* Irish Blessing by Sally Albrecht &  
Jay Althouse **Isabele Arteaga, Tashyanna Simpson,**  
**Adaugo Ejekwu, Ugonna Ejekwu, Adelene**  
**Monikam, singers, Nevilla Ottley, Piano**

**OTTLEY MUSIC SCHOOL, INC.** (OMS) is a multi-faceted musical learning institution founded in January 1973 by Nevilla E. Ottley. OMS offers private lessons in piano, organ, voice and drama, stringed instruments (harp, guitars and the violin family), percussion (drum set, snares, hand drums), woodwinds, brasses, and classes in world instruments (including the Steel Drums or Pans of Trinidad & Tobago and the African drums). OMS also offers classes for preschoolers and their parents, Music for Little Mozarts program. OMS teaches performance preparation and offers performance opportunities. Students are also prepared for competitions, for entrance into performing arts middle and high schools, college and grad schools. Usually lessons and classes are held at our main building in Hyattsville, MD (for the greater DMV area), and at Bells United Methodist Church in Camp Springs, MD (for Southern Maryland and Northern Virginia students) on Mondays. OMS also taught at George E. Peters Adventist School for

many years, and have served Contemporary Family Services for students with learning disabilities at The Monroe School at the historical Nannie Helen Burroughs School.

Some Monroe School students performed at the school monthly, and OMS students and faculty are involved in recitals at Hillhaven Rehabilitation Center and Nursing Home beginning in 2005, and in events by the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA) until February 2020 when COVID-19 hit. They still perform via ZOOM with CAAPA. They have performed in the DMV, and have traveled to Trenton, New Jersey, Philadelphia, PA, New York City ( in churches and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts), as well as to Trinidad & Tobago (University of the Southern Caribbean) to perform. They have performed for such events as the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation on 2012-2013 at Arlington House, for the dedication of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monument, for the D.C. City Council Christmas Party, and also in Annapolis at the Government House. In 2018 two of the students with their principal performed at Carnegie Hall.

OMS has trained many successful citizens in all walks of life, and also renowned musicians over the almost 48 years. Since the study of music is a strong developmental tool, for not only young, but also college age, adults, senior citizens, and for people with learning disabilities, we serve everyone who wishes to attend Ottley Music School no matter your age (3+ to 100 years old), musical goal and ability, your culture, national origins, or creed.

**2020** brought us very new experiences with the entrance of the pandemic, COVID-19. All our teachers changed to virtual teaching. The National Guild student auditions usually held in May were in June, recorded and sent to the judge in Tallahassee. Everyone passed. So now the school is operating on Virtual format. Monthly recitals are now also Zoom. **Registration** for private lessons is any time during the year. Here is the registration form:

<https://form.jotform.com/201067341819150>

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