

## Monteverdi Music School adopts a new business model -

During this past year, the MMS board spent a lot of time looking at our existing business practices and, with strong consideration of the changes in building operations as part of the newly created Center for Arts & Learning (CAL), we determined that a new business structure was necessary.

As a result, we are embarking on a new model that we hope will greatly improve the flow of communications between students and teachers, simplify the student enrollment process, attract new resident and non-resident faculty, plus help MMS to expand group classes and programs. We believe this new approach will be much better for the teachers and students/parents, while providing a more workable and sustainable foundation for the school for the near and long-term.

Beginning with the fall 2016 semester, new and renewing private lesson students will contract directly with their teachers; no more back and forth with the MMS office on registration forms, payments, and scheduling. Lesson fees and payment schedules will also be determined by the individual instructors, which will allow them the freedom to work directly with students/parents in the event of special circumstances. However, if desired, the school will continue to offer private lesson students the convenience of credit card payments for a small administrative fee of 3.5% per transaction.

Students wishing to enroll in MMS sponsored group classes and ensembles, such as the Monteverdi Young Singers Chorus, will still register and pay for classes through the office, and we will make arrangements with group instructors for class days/times, rehearsal space and recitals.

The MMS office will continue to accept inquiries from interested students and make direct referrals to our faculty. And we plan to explore more opportunities for group classes, and student recitals and performances, as well as collaborations with other musical arts and community organizations in Central Vermont.

All of our faculty's bios, and information about their music instruction offerings, as well as our group classes and ensembles, will be posted on the Monteverdi website ([www.monteverdimusic.org](http://www.monteverdimusic.org)) and available through the school office at (802) 229-9000, or via email to [director@monteverdimusic.org](mailto:director@monteverdimusic.org).

In addition to maintaining current and, hopefully, expanding our resident faculty, MMS now includes "non-resident faculty" – teachers who are not located at 46 Barre Street but who are associated with the school.