SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

Woodridge Music Academy LLC
2007 CELEBRATING 20 YEARS 2027



UPCOMING DATES:

September 26: Waverly Festival 9:30 warm- up / 10:00-12:00 performances Intermediate Elementary & High School Choir/High School Hand Bell Choir/ Drama students
Folk Dance (Virginia Reel) for all interested students **(Rehearsals start Aug.20)**
October 1: Picture night (Please wear WMA shirts and denim)
November 12: Technical rehearsal for concert at Faith Church
November 13: America Sings - 250 Years Concert at Faith Church
November 26: THANKSGIVING (Academy closed)
December 6: Christkindl Market (Nashville, IN)
December 12: Martinsville Cookie Stroll
December 17, 24, 31: Closed for Christmas Break

ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE!

(Other styles available)
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Refer a Family!

And both families receive a $25 Amazon Gift Card!
Extra information packets will be available at the front table on opening night. If you know of an interested home school family, please feel free to take one to pass on.



SEPTEMBER 26 - COLONIAL DRESS

8425 Main Street, Martinsville
Approximately 20 minutes north of town

Our annual Old Town Waverly Festival is quickly approaching! We are always honored to be invited to perform at this wonderful local event. This year, our students will present a variety of **choral and instrumental music, folk dance, and drama selections** from **10:00 a.m. until noon**.

Costumes
Students need to be ready for our **Dress Rehearsal on Thursday, September 24.** You may order costumes or create your own. Please refer to the handbook for costume ideas and specific items that may be needed.

Elementary students: Colonial children
Older/taller teens: Colonial adults

Arrival
All participating students should arrive at the **gazebo at Waverly Park by 9:30 a.m**. This will allow time for warm-up and lineup. If your student is unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so we can make the necessary arrangements for the performance.

Virginia Reel Rehearsals
Students participating in the Virginia Reel folk dance will continue rehearsing **Thursday evenings from 6:45-7:15p.m.** Students can also practice at home using the rehearsal video provided by the academy.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBBdgcHimoM&t=2s

We are looking forward to another wonderful festival performance and a fun day of music, dancing, and drama!

RECORDING *HEAVENLY PEACE*

Our recording of *Heavenly Peace* was amazing last week! Our students did a beautiful job and experienced firsthand the focus and concentration required for studio recording.

We are excited to announce that this will be the **first-ever Woodridge Music Academy Children's Choir** recording to be released! We have already been in contact with our videographer and are working to select a venue and schedule a date for filming this fall. Other students will also be included in the video, even if they did not participate in the recording.

For the video, we are looking for an **old church sanctuary with beautiful stained-glass windows** that we can decorate with Christmas trees, lights, and garland. If you know of a location that might be a good fit, please let us know!

This is a very special project as we celebrate **Woodridge Music Academy's 20th anniversary year!**

A NEW CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY- WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We have just received an exciting invitation for our students to participate in the 2026 Bobby Helms Jingle Bell Rock Christmas Music Spectacular & Tree lighting on December 6, 2026. It would only be a 15-20 minute performance.

We realize this event falls on the same day as our Brown County Christkindl Market performance, which is scheduled for 2:00-3:00 p.m. We certainly don't want to add unnecessary stress to our academy families during an already busy Christmas season. However, we would love to know what you think!

One possibility would be to have a small group of singers, flutists, and bell choir students perform at the new event from approximately 4:00-4:20 p.m. This would give us enough time to finish our Christkindl Market performance and travel back to Martinsville.

We also understand that Sunday evening church commitments may make this difficult for some families. So. parents...what do you think? Would your student be available and interested in participating? Would the 4:00-4:20 p.m. time work for your family?

Before we make any decisions, we would love to hear from you! Your feedback will help us determine whether this is an opportunity we can realistically add to our Christmas schedule.