

# ECMMA Greater Washington, DC Chapter

The region's professional association for teachers of early childhood music & movement

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 2013  
3:00 – 5:30 pm

## FALL CHAPTER MEETING & PROGRAM

Join us in welcoming:

**JESSICA PHILLIPS-SILVER,**  
*Cognitive Scientist, Musician and Mother*

What do we mean when we say that "music moves us", and that we "feel the beat"? Research in the field of neuroscience teaches us that music and movement shape the brain from the earliest days of life, and continue to impact brain functioning throughout the lifespan. The evidence suggests that most of us have rhythm, although there are rare cases of musical brain disorders, including the recently documented disorder, beat deafness. Research from evolutionary, developmental, and neuropsychological perspectives can illuminate the nature and origins of the musical brain.

### **Biography**

Jessica Phillips-Silver is a researcher in music neuroscience, a musician, and a mother. Jessica earned a Bachelor of Humanities and Arts in psychology and music from Carnegie Mellon University, a Ph.D. in auditory development and music perception at McMaster University, and conducted postdoctoral research in the International Laboratory of Brain, Music and Sound in Montreal.

Jessica's original research examines how 'feeling the beat' in music is a multisensory experience, even in babies, and she documented the first case of the musical disorder 'beat deafness'.

Jessica's work is published in journals including *Science*, *Neuropsychologia*, and *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, and has been featured in USA Today, Time Magazine, The New York Times, The Washington

Post, Men's Health, the Atlantic, NPR and the Discovery Channel. Jessica has reviewed and edited popular science books on music and the brain, including *Musicophilia* by Oliver Sacks, *The Power of Music*, and *Welcome to your Child's Brain*. She

gives public talks at venues like the Ontario Science Center's *Science Cafe*, and the District of Columbia's haven for artists, *BloomBars*. Jessica is a vocalist on Cuban Jazz pianist and composer Yoel Diaz' album *Encuentros*, including the original ballad, *Maybe It's Better*, which the Latin Jazz Network called "breathtaking".

With the essential insight of a parent of a two-year-old (and a big sense of humor), Jessica turns her professional attention from the science laboratory to the public sphere, in the telling of delightful, fascinating and timely stories of how the young brain is shaped by that most complex and awesome of human behaviors: music.

Look for a separate email forwarding to you a YouTube video of an interview with Jessica.

The following pages have more information for our Program/Meeting and a two page form for Membership. If you are renewing your membership or becoming a new member please fill out the forms below and bring it with you on Oct. 27th (meeting) with your check/cash or email our Treasurer, Gabriela Cohen at [gcohen@levineschool.org](mailto:gcohen@levineschool.org) for information on where you can mail your membership form and check.

Thank you for your interest in our ECMMA/GWDC Chapter and our Programs.

We look forward to seeing you at our events, hearing your ideas and sharing music and movement!!!

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DATE: Sunday, October 27, 2013

TIME: 3:00 – 5:30 pm

PLACE: Harlow Hall North Chevy Chase Christian Church  
8814 Kensington Parkway North Chevy Chase, MD 20815

RSVP: Reservations Required RSVP or Regrets as soon as possible to  
Regina Lacy, [ms.ginamusicteacher@gmail.com](mailto:ms.ginamusicteacher@gmail.com)

ADMISSION: Free for ECMMA-GWDC members. Membership annual dues is \$18.00 per member and \$15.00 for group of five or more. Fees are due October 27, 2013. (Annual Year 2013-14) Program only is \$18.00 per person and \$15.00 for group of five or more.

REFRESHMENTS: Please bring light refreshments to share!

See you soon!

Greater Washington, DC Chapter Regina Lacy, President – Gabriela Cohen, Vice President and Treasurer – Keely Lacy, Program Coordinator

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**GREATER WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER\***  
**Membership Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Salutation: Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Web: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Phone Contact:  home  mobile  work

Current teacher? Yes No

Number of Years Teaching: 1–5yrs. 5–10yrs. 10–15yrs. 15–20yrs. 20yrs.+

Type of educational facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Offerings & Age Range:** (e.g. Dalcroze, Kindermusik, Musikgarten, Music Together, Orff, Suzuki, Early Piano, Other (Specify), etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply: Group Instruction Private Instruction Instrumental  
Other, Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Additional Training: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\* Membership in national ECMMA is optional (not required) for local chapter membership

Member of ECMMA National Association?  Yes  No

ECMMA Certification?  Yes  No Level \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following:

Officer or Committee Chair. Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_

Hosting meetings of special interest groups

\_\_\_ Resources: New & Old

\_\_\_ Early Piano/Keyboard

\_\_\_ Ongoing Song/Activity Sharing

\_\_\_ Special Needs in ECMM

\_\_\_ Creative & Structured Movement

\_\_\_ Technology Use in ECMM

\_\_\_ Copyright/Legalities

\_\_\_ Other-Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Relations

Creating/Maintaining web-site

Membership communication

Newsletter

Other – Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate briefly what you would most like to get from ECMMA/GWDC membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Any suggestions for meeting themes, activities, interest groups, guest clinicians or speakers: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Contact information for other professionals who may be interested in information regarding ECMMA/GWDC: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check for \$18 to cover annual dues, made payable to:  
ECMMA/Greater Washington, DC Chapter and bring to the next meeting or Mail to:  
(please email [gcohen@levineschool.org](mailto:gcohen@levineschool.org) for the mailing address) Thank You.

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Gabriela Cohen, [gcohen@levineschool.org](mailto:gcohen@levineschool.org) or go to [WWW.ECMMA.ORG](http://WWW.ECMMA.ORG) 05/06/07/08/13