



Saskatoon Suzuki String Program Newsletter

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Presidents Message

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Dear Suzuki families,

My how the time flies!! It seems like we all were just getting started with another Suzuki year and now here we are with Christmas just around the corner. I hope it's been an enjoyable ride so far.

Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and impressive playing at Solo day! The children have accomplished so much, and it is exciting to hear their progress. It is so sweet to hear those debuting with "Monkey song" and then to hear the progression by other students to more complicated pieces. It's a great way to see where your child has been and what they can aspire to become.

The holidays will soon be upon us and I know it is difficult to bring out the violin/cello/viola and practice during the break. Families travel, there is much celebrating and practicing is the last thing on everyone's mind. If your child can get a few practices in that is fantastic. If not maybe a few mini concerts for family and friends can keep those minds sharp and those strings in tune! And of course, if it is difficult to get any playing in, listening to the CD is always a great idea.

Leslie Ruo has created a wiki for our organization. The link is on our website, or you can go directly to:

<http://saskatoonsuzukistrings.wikispaces.com/>
There are some useful links that can really help out with practicing. I encourage you all to check it out. Thank you Leslie for putting this together and sharing the info!

As well, we now have a Facebook page. You can find it at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saskatoon-Suzuki-Strings/216585161742704>

(Or just go to Facebook and search for "Saskatoon Suzuki Strings"). We are hoping this will help families stay current with what's going on, as well as being a great way for people to connect within the group. Please check in often, feel free to post and of course we are always open to suggestions. This is still a work in progress, so please bear with us as we get things going.

Lastly, I would like to wish each and every family a very Merry Christmas, enjoy your time with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Jann Amundson
SSSPI President



Directors' Message

Holiday Greetings from Agata and Karen!

It is hard to believe our Christmas Concert is in a week!
Where has the time gone?

The students of the Suzuki String Program have been busy during the last month. Many thanks to all the Students, Parents and Teachers who participated in the Festival of the Trees and Sundog. Both performances were a great success and the students did an awesome job being ambassadors for our program.

We would also like to congratulate all the students who performed in Solo Day. While it had a shaky start with all the confusion about pianos, the students adapted to the situation and did an awesome job! Congratulations Everyone!

There are two activities coming up. The first is our Christmas Concert. You will find more information about it in this newsletter. I'm sure if we all play our best Santa will be sure to make an appearance. In the New Year we will be gearing up for our Mid-Winter Concert and Orchestra Concert. You will find the repertoire list for the Mid-Winter Concert in this newsletter as well.

At this time we would like to wish all the families of the Suzuki String Program a safe and restful holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Karen and Agata

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Ken Pontikes, Treasurer

Mid-Winter Concert Repertoire

Violins

Seitz Concerto No. 2, 3rd Movement
V-6 & V-7 Mazas Duet
Bach Bourree-New Version notes and bowings
Minuet in G-No repeats, only D.C.
Gavotte from Mignon
Long Long Ago Book 2
Chorus
Gossec Gavotte
Minuet 3-Book 1
Etude-singles and doubles
Allegretto
Allegro
May Song
Song of the Wind
Lightly Row
Twinkles- Everybody Stop Bow, Long Bow Twinkle

Cellos

Hungarian Folk Song-C-4
La Cinquaintaine
Ashukan Farewell-C-3
Scherzo by Webster
Boccherini Minuet
Handel Bourree
March in G
May Time
Minuet 2
Happy Farmer
Allegro
Aunt Rhody
French Folk Song
Twinkles

Upcoming Special Events

Calendar of Events

- Dec 15, 2011 Suzuki Christmas Party
- Jan 12, 2012 Return after Christmas Holiday
All Suzuki activities
- Jan 19, 2012 Rehearsal for Midwinter Concert,
orchestra as usual
- Jan 22, 2012 Midwinter Concert, 3:00 pm
- Jan 26, 2012 All Suzuki activities,
Teacher rotation
- Jan 28, 2012 Suzuki Orchestra Concert
Concert at 7pm. Suzuki Book
Graduation Ceremonies
- Feb 2, 2012 All Suzuki activities
- Feb 9, 2012 All Suzuki activities

Christmas Party

- 5:45-Tuning
6:00-Concert Begins
6:30-Dining Begins
6:45-Teachers Perform
7:00-Dessert

This is a potluck dinner! Families with last names beginning with A-L please bring Healthy Snacks. Families with last names beginning with M-Z please Sweet Treats. The program will be providing sandwiches and wraps for everyone. Please dress in concert dress with a Christmas Theme. Red and Green are more than welcome, hats, antlers or anything else you own that will add to the festive spirit. If we play well...Santa may arrive!

Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra Performances

Souvenirs From Childhood

Sunday, January 15, 2012, 02:30 pm
Delta Bessborough
Saskatoon Symphony Chamber Ensemble

Program:

Bizet:Jeux D'Enfants
Jarroch:Detska Suite (Children's Suite)
Ravel:Mother Goose Suite
Deak:Bremen Town Musicians

Classical Mystery Tour – A Tribute to the Beatles

Saturday, January 21, 2012, 07:30 pm
TCU Place, Sid Buckwold Theatre
Maestro Victor Sawa conductor

Guest artists:

Classical Mystery Tour
David Leon - John Lennon
Paul Lawson - Paul McCartney (*replacing Tony Kishman)
John Brosnan - George Harrison
Joe Bologna - Ringo Starr