

Saskatoon Suzuki String Program Newsletter

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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This has been a busy fall season. So far, we have danced waltzes at the Masquerade Ball, played or listened at Solo Day, played at Festival of Trees and at Sundog. These performances have all been outstanding.

In addition to the activities on the calendar we are planning other activities for the remainder of the season. We will be participating in the Saskatoon Family Expo, which will take place on Feb. 20-22, 2009 at Prairieland Park. We will have a signup sheet for anyone who is able to perform at this event. I will keep you posted with further details.

Plans are also in the works to perform in the lobby at TCU Place before a couple of Saskatoon Symphony concerts in 2009.

I believe that I can speak on behalf of my colleagues and other members of the Saskatoon Suzuki String Program executive in saying that we are interested in the growth of our program. We would like to make it the best possible experience for you and your family, and we would like to become better known in the community. In this newsletter is a simple questionnaire asking what you like about the Saskatoon Suzuki String Program and what we can improve. Please fill it out when you have a moment.

I will have a suggestion box when we return to group lessons in January. Or, you can email your response to me at jenpayzant@shaw.ca. Also, if you are so inclined, please spread the word about our program!

Finally, I would like to thank the Executive of the Saskatoon Suzuki String Program for their extraordinary dedication and support in making this program a success.

On behalf of the SSSPI Executive and staff, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season, and a Happy New Year!

John Payzant,
 Director,
 Saskatoon Suzuki
 String Program

Saskatoon Family Expo
 Kids to seniors...it's a family day!



Meet & Greet Your Favorite Characters
 Stage Shows • Face Painting
 Interactive Activity Zones
 Exhibits • Tons of Shopping
 Door Prizes



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February 20-22, 2009 at Prairieland Park
 details at www.saskatoonfamilyexpo.com



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Summer String Experience
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Suzuki Student Conducts Saskatoon Symphony

Congratulations to Zoë Pontikes for conducting Sleigh Ride by Leroy Anderson at the Saskatoon Symphony chamber orchestra's Christmas concert on December 13. Zoë did a fabulous job and stole the show.

Well done, Zoe!

SASKATOON SUZUKI STRING PROGRAM CALENDAR (remainder of 2008 – 2009 season)

Jan 8	Return after Christmas Holiday, all Suzuki activities.
Jan 15	All Suzuki activities.
Jan 18	Winter Orchestra Concert 3:00pm, tuning at 2:30pm. Location: Quance Theatre, U of S Ed.
Jan 22	Rehearsal for Midwinter Concert. Orchestras as usual.
Jan 25	Midwinter Concert 3:00pm, tuning at 2:30pm. Location: Elim Tabernacle.
Jan 29	MIT Basketball Tournament, no group lessons (possible community service at a special care facility).
Feb 5	All Suzuki activities.
Feb 12	All Suzuki activities.
Feb 19	School Break, no group lessons.
Feb 26	All Suzuki activities. Parent Session.
March 5	All Suzuki activities.
March 12	Community Service, Locations TBA (groups perform at a special care facility).
March 19	Solo Day forms due.
March 26	All Suzuki activities.
April 2	Ethnic Night.
April 9, 16	Easter Break: no group lessons.
April 23	All Suzuki activities, Solo Day rehearsals.
April 30	Solo Day 2, no orchestras.
May 7	Victoria Day week, no group lessons
May 14	All Suzuki activities. Open House & Info Session. Registration packages for 2009-10 available.
May 21	Rehearsal for Final Concert 7:45pm. Orchestras as usual. General Mtg. 2. Election of Board Members.
May 24	Year-End Concert, 3:00pm, tuning at 2:30pm. Location TBA.
May 28	Orchestra Concert, Tuning at 6:30pm, Concert at 7:00pm. Location TBA.

Please note: One of the days shown above will be cancelled, making a total of 30 days of group activity. There will likely be other changes in the schedule. A revised calendar will be circulated, or you can check the website at: saskatoonsuzukistrings.ca

SASKATOON SYMPHONY MASTER SERIES (remainder of 2008 – 2009 season)

MS 3 - January 17, 2009 TCU Place 7:30

Conductor Earl Stafford Guest Artist Jane Coop, piano

- David Kaplan: Opening Credits
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Piano Concerto in E flat major, K. 449
- Antonin Dvorak: Symphony No. 9 in E minor ("From the New World")

MS 4 - February 14, 2009 TCU Place 7:30

Conductor Earl Stafford Guest Artist Monica Huisman, soprano and the University Chorus

- Sergei Prokofiev: Romeo and Juliet Suite No.2 Intermission
- Schubert - Mirjams Siegesgesang (Miriams Song) - sop. Solo chorus
- Francis Poulenc: Gloria

MS 5 - March 14, 2009 TCU Place 7:30

Conductors Yariv Aloni and Wayne Toews Guest Artist Saskatoon Youth Orchestra

- Estampas Mexicanas by Jose Elizondo SYO alone Wayne Toews conductor
- Stephen Chatman - Tara's Dream SSO with SYO
- Revueltas: Night of the Mayas mvt. 1 & 4 SSO + SYO percussion Intermission
- Berlioz - Symphonie Fantastique SSO only

MS 6 - April 18, 2009 TCU Place 7:30 pm

Conductor Earl Stafford Guest Artist Joaquin Valdepenas, clarinet

- John Estacio: Wondrous Light
- Mozart: Concerto for Clarinet in A major (K622) Intermission
- Elgar: Enigma Variations

MS 7 - May 9, 2009 TCU Place 7:30pm

Conductor Dennis Simons Guest artist Janina Fialkowska, piano

- R. Murray Schafer: East
- Beethoven Piano Concert #3 in C minor Intermission
- Tchaikovsky: Symphony #4, op 36 in F minor

MS 8 - May 23, 2009 TCU Place 7:30 pm

Conductor Earl Stafford Guest Artist Adrian Anatawan, violin

- Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 35 Intermission
- Gustav Mahler: Symphony No. 1 in D major ("Titan")

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to another year in progress at Suzuki Strings! We are so very fortunate to have a dedicated, passionate and gifted group of teachers in this program.

And parents, thank you for your commitment to provide your wonderful children with this treasured experience.

I am personally pleased to serve in this my second year as President of the Board of Directors because I am so fortunate to be surrounded by an outstanding group of parent board members.

Here is your 2008-2009 Board of Directors:

President – Lee Braaten

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Secretary – John Knox

Registrar – Debbie Milne

Vice-President – Karen Koehler

Instrument Convenor – Holly Keeler

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Thank you, fellow board members, for your volunteer service to Suzuki Strings. I encourage all parents to consider volunteering on the board of directors in the future.

As always, thank you, Agata, Karen, Lillian, Jim, Philip and Bernadette for continuing to enrich this program with your talents. Thank you, John, for your steady and thoughtful

approach and your leadership as director of this program. Here is to a great second half of 2008-2009 at our Suzuki Strings community!

Lee Braaten

REPERTOIRE FOR THE JANUARY 25, 2008 CONCERT

VIOLINS

Twinkle Variation A
Lightly Row
Song of the Wind
Go Tell Aunt Rhody
Perpetual Motion
Allegretto
Minuet 1
Gossec Gavotte
Musette
Brahms Waltz
Gavotte from Mignon
Martini Gavotte
Humoresque
Seitz #2
V8 group piece
Beginner demo: Twinkle Bread & Rocketship Game

CELLOS & VIOLAS

Twinkles
French Folk Song
Lightly Row
O Come Little Children
Perpetual Motion, singles & doubles
Rigadoon
Etude
Minuet 2
Chorus from Judas Maccabeus
Handel Bourree
Lully Gavotte
Toad in the Hole (C3 & C4)
Matchbox Boogie
Beginner Demo, TBA.

Are you looking to purchase a violin, cello or viola?

Do you need to sell a violin, cello or viola?

Go to <http://www.saskatoonsuzukistrings.ca> and click on Instrument Sales

SASKATOON SUZUKI STRING PROGRAM SURVEY

We are interested in your feedback on what you like and how we can improve the Saskatoon Suzuki String Program as a whole.

Please do not include references to individual teachers. If you wish to discuss concerns with a teacher, it is best to do so in confidence (please refer to Guide or see Program Manual under "Regular Programs" link on our website, www.saskatoonsuzukistrings.ca).

Please put completed survey in drop-off box at one of the group lessons in January.

1. Where did you first hear about the Saskatoon Suzuki String Program?

2. What do you like about the Saskatoon Suzuki String Program?

3. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being the lowest rating and 10 being the highest), how would you rate the Saskatoon Suzuki String Program?

4. What can we do to make it a 10?
