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October 2011 Newsletter

Fall is definitely here! School has started and hopefully we are all getting used to our new routines. The best practice routine is to practice in the same part of the house and at the same time of day each practice session. This makes it a part of the rhythm of your life and is much easier to manage. Send us your picture of your "practice space!"

Our Scholarship demands are greater than ever, and the challenge of raising the funds has never been greater given today's challenging economy. Many thanks to GenRe for a recent \$1,000 donation to the Fund. Our fundraising event is Sunday, October 23 from 3:00-5:00pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Stamford, immediately following the Family Recital. We will have live music, carnival games, fun and food! Tickets are \$10 per adult or \$5 per child with a family maximum of \$30. All proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund directly. You should have received an Evite to this event... please RSVP if you plan to attend, or let me know if you need the invitation. We will be accepting donations to the Bake Sale/Cakewalk on Saturday, October 22 and at the event - sign up today!



You may have noticed our recycling bins! They are for recyclable glass/plastic only, and the funds raised will go to the Student Scholarship Fund. We are holding a Recycling Drive for the entire month of October, so please bring us your recyclables! There is also a "Spare Change for Scholarships" jar on the credenza near the entrance.

Also on Sunday, October 23, please join us for the Family Recital at 2:00 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Stamford, www.stjohnelca.org. Everyone from parents who learned Twinkle with their child to the professionals we have in our midst will be participating. It's not too late to sign up - talk to your private teacher today!

Keep Twinkling!
Becki

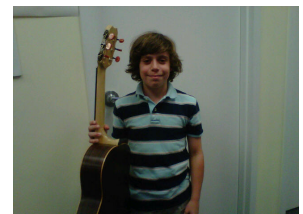
September Graduations



Congratulations to violinist Rachel Dong for graduating from violin book 4, and to Nikhil Goswami for graduating from guitar book 4. Shown in the picture is Miss Jennifer, who was Rachel's partner for the Concerto for Two Violin by J.S. Bach. Rachel studies with Ms. Becki, and Nikhil studies with Mr. Jesse. Congratulations to both of you! We look forward to more graduations in October!

Student Profile

Sean Donaher studies guitar at TESS with Mr. Jesse. He is 10 and in the 5th grade at Marvin Elementary in Norwalk. Sean has studied guitar for 5 years and has also played the piano for 1 1/2 years. Music is one of his favorite things to do. He likes his instrument because he thinks it's easy to find your way around the guitar. He has played guitar at church and in his school's talent show. He also enjoys playing baseball and lacrosse.



Calendar Notables

We are OPEN on Monday, October 10 for Columbus Day.

Youth Orchestra Audition Results

Congratulations to all of our students who auditioned for area youth orchestras! It is always competitive, and all of our students were accepted to the orchestra of their choice. The Greater Bridgeport Orchestra has four levels: Strings, Concert, Symphony and Principal. Violinist Sofia Vega was promoted to the Principal Orchestra, and Zoe Haley-Johnson and Jeffrey Pearson are in the Symphony Orchestra. Preston Joffe was accepted into the Concert orchestra as a first time auditionee. Kristen Young is also in GBYO's Principal Orchestra, which is the top orchestra. In the Norwalk Youth Orchestras, they have four levels as well: Strings, Philharmonia, Concert and Principal. Sarah Mitchell was promoted to the Principal Orchestra. First time auditionees Harry Graney-Green, Julia Hassantalebi, Andrew Qin, Emma Famous were all accepted into the Strings Orchestra, and Rachel Dong was promoted to the Philharmonia level. These students represent the violin studios of Teo Tetel, Karolyn Bethke, Jennifer Brown and Becki Christopherson. The Norwalk Youth Symphony is open to students fourth grade and older, and GBYO is open to students fifth grade and older. We recommend a minimum level of the end of book 4 for violinists and the end of book 3 for cellists for audition readiness. 100% of our students attended the Audition Boot Camp in August and reported feeling more confident and prepared for their audition experience!

2011 TESS Calendar

Sat. Oct. 8	Graduation Recitals
Mon. Oct. 10	Columbus Day, OPEN
Oct. 14 - Oct. 16	Mark O'Connor Teacher Training
	Music for Youth Piano Concert and Free Masterclass
Sun. Oct. 23	Family Recital and Harvest Party, 2:00pm, St. John's Lutheran Church, Stamford
Wed. Nov. 2	Parent Night, all levels, 8pm
Sat. Nov. 5	Advanced Master Class, Violin book 6+, Piano book 4+, Included in tuition
Sat./Sun Nov. 12/13	Student Recitals
Sat. Nov. 19	Graduation Recitals
Tues. Nov. 22	OPEN, no Meet the Instruments
Wed. Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Break, CLOSED
Mon. Nov. 28	OPEN
Sat. Dec. 10	Music for Youth Violin Concert and Free Masterclass
Sat. Dec. 17	Graduation Recitals
Mon. Dec. 19	Holiday Break, CLOSED
Sun. Dec. 25	Christmas Senior Center Concert Community Performance, v/c/f/g/p
Mon. Jan. 2	OPEN
Sat. Jan. 7	Music for Youth String Quartet Concert and Free Masterclass
Mon. Jan. 9	Sign up week for March Concert Advanced Violin Ensemble, Angry Birds Theme Song
Sat. Jan. 21	Graduation Recitals
Sat. Jan 28	Improv Workshop, Last Day Fall Term
Mon. Jan. 30	First Day Winter Term (20 weeks)
Sat. Feb. 18	Graduation Recitals
Mon. Feb. 20	President's Day, CLOSED
Tues. Feb. 21	OPEN

Sat. March 3 Advanced Rehearsal and Angry Birds Rehearsal, 2pm, Mandatory for March Concert Participation
 Sat. March 10 Advanced Rehearsal and Angry Birds Rehearsal, 2pm, Mandatory for March Concert Participation
 Graduation Recitals
 Sat. March 17 March Celebration Concert
 Mon. April 2 Nominating for TESS Veteran Begins (for the seat of honor on the Memorial Day Parade float!)
 Sat. April 14 Graduation Recitals
 Mon. April 16 Spring Break, CLOSED
 Mon. April 23 OPEN
 Sat. April 28 Advanced Master Class, 2-5
 Nominations for our TESS Veteran Due
 Sat. May 5 Student Recitals
 Mon. May 7 Distribution of music for Memorial Day Parade
 Sat. May 12 Student Recitals
 Sat. May 19 Graduation Recitals
 Mon. May 28 Memorial Day Parade, 9am
 Sat. June 2 Advanced Master Class, 2-5
 Sat. June 9 Advanced/Honors Recital, 3pm
 Sat. June 16 Graduation Recitals
 Sat. June 23 Last Day Winter Term
 Mon. June 25 First Day Summer Term (8 weeks)