



Talent Education Suzuki School

Summer 2010 Newsletter

From the Directors

Welcome to our new violin teacher Jennifer Brown! Growing up as a Suzuki student in Kansas, she began teaching five years ago and relocated to Fairfield County last year. Jennifer Brown received her Bachelor's of Music in Violin Performance from Wichita State University and is pursuing a Master's of Music in Violin Performance, which she is slated to complete this summer. She has received special graduate courses in violin pedagogy. Jennifer has performed with the Wichita Symphony, Opera Kansas Orchestra, and Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra. She has received grants and scholarships to pursue music studies at the Rocky Ridge Music Festival, Magic Mountain Music Farm with Burton Kaplan, the Colby College String Quartet Workshop with the Portland String Quartet and the Masterworks Festival. She is passionate about teaching students of all ages and abilities how to play the violin.

Our next Community Performance will be at the East Norwalk Library on Thursday, July 22 from 5:30-6:30 - with a pizza party! Violin, cello, flute and guitar Twinkle graduates are invited to perform from 5:30-6 and stay for pizza. Please wear TESS T's and navy or black bottoms with nice shoes! Sign-ups are available in your private teacher's studio.

If you haven't yet finished your fall registration please contact us today to do so! Slots are going fast and no one wants the leftovers!

Keep Twinkling!
Becki & Jen

Graduations

June graduations included Liana Seale, who graduated from violin book 1, Richard Cruz from violin book 4, and Jeffrey Pearson, who graduated from violin book 5. All three students study with Mr. Gary. Annalise Bazzano graduated from violin book 3, Mary-Jac Heuman from book 4A, and Garrick Tsui graduated from violin book 5A. These three students study with Ms. Jen Trahan. Nikhil Goswami, Donny DeFala, and Cameron Schaffer all graduated from guitar book 2 and study with Mr. Michael. Alex D'Adamo graduated from violin book 2 and Gabriela Vega from violin book 4. Both students study with Ms. Becki. Congratulations to all!

Tanglewood Picks, www.bso.org

Every summer the Boston Symphony Orchestra packs its bags and heads west to the Berkshires for their summer season at Tanglewood Music Festival. While there are dozens of inspiring concerts all summer long, the easiest for our families and students to attend are the Sunday matinees. Bring a picnic, buy lawn tickets (the cheapest!) and enjoy the live music! The drive is 2-2 1/2 hours up rt. 7, and as much as we hate to say it, you are advised to sneak out during the last piece (or plan to hang for an hour after!) to avoid the crawl back to rt. 7. Becki has created a list of the concerts most relevant to musical study as a young student:

Sunday, July 11, 2:30pm* - Violin Concerto No. 5, Mozart, Pinchas Zuckerman, violinist

Sunday, August 1, 2:30pm* - Cello Concerto, Elgar, Yo Yo Ma, cellist

Sunday, August 8, 2:30pm** - Violin Concerto, Beethoven, Arabella Steinbacher, violinist

Sunday, August 15, 2:30pm* - Piano Concerto, Gershwin, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, pianists, also American in Paris

Caramoor Picks, www.caramoor.org/festival

We are fortunate to be very close to one of the country's top music festivals - the Caramoor Music Festival in Katonah, NY. The music festival this year is very diverse and hosts many opportunities for children to participate in music making - please visit the website for full viewing! Here are our picks:

Sunday, July 11, 4:30pm - Midori in concert, Sonatas by Beethoven, Bloch and Brahms

Saturday, July 17, 8pm* - Vladimir Fletzman, pianist with Orchestra of St. Luke's, Schumann Piano Concerto in a minor, Symphony No. 3

Thursday, July 22, 7:30pm - Jupiter String Quartet with Jon Nakamatsu, pianist; Beethoven String Quartet #10 and Schumann Piano Quintet in Eb Major

Indicates the Beckimobile is available for rides for students over 12, and ** indicates that the Beckimobile will be parked at the SoNo Celebration for two days where **most**** of our students should plan to perform!*

Missed Lessons

Just a review of our missed lessons policies for our new and returning families. Our teachers are at TESS roughly from 3:00-8:00pm, Monday through Friday, and 9am to 12Pm on Saturdays to give private and group lessons. The schedule varies from day to day and teacher to teacher. Once a schedule for a semester is determined, that is the time a teacher is contracted to be at work. If a family misses a lesson, your teacher is at work and must be paid with your tuition dollars. Therefore, a family is not entitled to a make-up or rescheduling as the teacher was available to provide the service. The one exception is if a family misses a lesson due to religious observances and seven days or more notice is provided. Please note that our teachers schedules are filling up, and faculty who were able to be flexible in the past may not be able to continue to be so. However, if you know in advance that you will be missing a lesson, the sooner you notify your teacher the more able they are to assist you through swapping lessons times. Teachers may, out of devotion to their students and concern for their progress, offer make-ups within their hours of scheduled teaching as other cancellations occur. Under no circumstances should a teacher give up their personal time outside of work to give a make-up, as they are working for free at that point. If a teacher misses a private class, they will offer two opportunities to make up the class within the same semester. If both opportunities are declined the lesson is considered to be made up. Finally, whenever the question of a make-up is at hand, two opportunities are all the teacher will offer, and a missed make-up cannot be rescheduled. For a full presentation of our policies, please visit our website, www.musicattess.com/policies.

2010 TESS Calendar

July 3	OPEN
July 22	Community Performance & pizza party at East Norwalk Library, 5:30-6:30pm - guitar, violin flute and cello!
August 7/8	SoNo Arts Celebration; Saturday performance is from 1-1:50; Sunday performance TBD
August 14	Summer Recital for families who purchased 8 summer lessons
Aug. 26/27	Audition Boot Camp (note date change)
Wed. Sept. 1	First Day Fall Term
Thurs. Sept. 2	First Day Talent-Ed Kids, Hearts & Voices Choirs, 19 weeks
Mon. Sept. 6	Labor Day, Closed
Thurs. Sept. 9	Rosh Hashanah, OPEN
Sat. Sept. 11	First Day Talent-Ed Kids, Mommy & Me, age 2, Saturdays, 9-9:30 for 17 weeks First Day Talent-Ed Kids, Meet the Instruments, ages 3-5, Saturdays, 9-9:30 for 8 weeks
Mon. Sept. 12	First Day Music for Two's, Mondays, 3:00-3:30 for 17 weeks
Tues. Sept. 15	First Day Talent-Ed Kids, ages 3-5, Mondays, 4:00-4:30 for 8 week
Sat. Sept. 18	Yom Kippur, OPEN; Graduation Recitals
Sat. Sept. 25	Take it To The Streets Scholarship Fundraiser, SoNo, 1-3pm
Mon. Oct. 11	Columbus Day, OPEN

Sat. Oct. 16	Graduation Recitals
Sun. Oct. 24	Family Recital
Mon. Nov. 1	Week of Parent Nights, 8-9pm: Mon: Beg - Bk. 1., Tues: Bk. 2-3, Wed: Bk. 4-5, 6+
Mon. Nov. 1	Winter Registration Begins
Tues. Nov. 2	Election Day, OPEN
Sat/Sun Nov. 6 & 7	Student Recitals
Sat. Nov. 6	First Day Talent-Ed Kids, ages 3-5
Tues. Nov. 9	First Day Talent-Ed Kids, ages 3-5
Thurs. Nov. 11	Veterans Day, OPEN
Sat. Nov. 13	Graduation Recitals
Sun. Nov. 14	TESS Student Scholarship Fundraiser, 5-7pm
Wed. Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Break, Closed
Mon. Nov. 29	Open
Sat. Dec. 11	Graduation Recitals
Mon. Dec. 20	Closed, Holiday Break
Mon. Jan. 3	Open