

Suzuki Violin School of  
Columbus-Worthington



December, 2009

AT – A – GLANCE...**Important Dates to keep in mind**...See details within newsletter:

**Wed., Dec. 16, 2009 – DVD Book 1 Party** at Kari Gunderson's home, 7 - 8 pm

**Sun., Dec. 20, 2009 - WPC Fellowship Hall, combined classes for Holiday, Classes for Books 1B – 8**, meet early

**Mon., Dec. 21, 2009 through Sun., Jan. 3, 2010 – Holiday Break** – Quarter resumes Mon., Jan. 4, 2010

Missed items from last month's newsletter:



**Congratulations** to **Sarah Botti** for earning her 100 Twinkle award!

**Thank you** to **Diane Burack**, for the donation to SVS of a PC from The American Cancer Society, where she works. Thanks, Diane, you're gift has made life much easier keep our records and our families informed!



**FALL RECITAL** and recent performances:

**Thank you** to the families who contributed cups, napkins, baked goods, and juice for the fall quarter recital on Nov. 22, 2009. **Thank you**, as well, to the parents and family members who helped set up, clean up, and generally helped to make things go smoothly that day. We heard many compliments from families about the Abbey Theater, with its stadium seating, good acoustics, and roomy reception area. **Congratulations** to our students on their superb performances...you made your parents, grandparents, friends, and teachers proud! Please send any photos you'd like to share from this event to me at [anneweid@gmail.com](mailto:anneweid@gmail.com) and I will put them into next month's newsletter.

**Dec. 6** – Sonora Trio concert at Trillium Place Retirement Community, with Suzuki Violin Book 1 students performing too!

The Sonora Trio consists of violinist **Erica Donahoe**, cellist Linda Bollas, and pianist Laura Flowers Benson who began the concert in the main entry area of Trillium, playing familiar Christmas tunes. There were approximately 50 residents of Trillium Place present, with room for seating for another 50 more.

SVS students **Kai Grosklos** (and mom **Nikki**), **Chika Hotta**, **Petar Kolev**, and **Andy Lehman** performed various holiday and Suzuki standards for the attentive residents. **Andy Lehman** played a crowd-pleasing version of *Jingle Bells* and **Kai** and **Nicole Grosklos** performed a duet to the appreciative audience. New Book 1 student, **Lakshmi Vaidyanathan**, came to the concert with her mother and grandmother and enjoyed observing our students' performance and met them afterward.



### Important Class News:

The books 2 - 8 Sunday classes on **December 20** will meet earlier than usual so that we can entertain and combine with the book 1 class! Erica Donahoe and Kari Gunderson are planning some holiday music and calling for family talent show acts. If you have one, please email one of us so we can schedule you. The book 1A class will meet with Erica only at 1:00, then go to Kodaly, and then be invited to **Fellowship Hall** to hear advanced students play at 2:00. So here's our revised schedule for the advanced classes:

**Book 1A (Rondo)** Go to 1:00 violin class,

1:30 Kodaly (as usual), then come and hear the advanced students play!

**Book 1B (Crescendo)** class

1:30 violin with the book 2 - 3 classes for holiday music and talent show acts,

2:00 music reading class (times are as usual)

**Books 2 - 3 class** **1:30 - 2:30** holiday music reading; please bring all books and your notebook and any talent show acts

**Books 4 - 8 class** **2:00 - 3:00**, please bring holiday music, acts, and your Vivaldi Concerto for Two Violins



**OUT AND ABOUT** – Contributed by Kari Gunderson

Several of our families have already performed in the community, and more have performances scheduled.

**Congratulations** to:

**Kai Grosklos**, whose music teacher was so impressed by his playing that he was invited to go around and perform for each of the kindergarten classes at his school.

The **Botti Family, Sarah and C. J. and Anne**, who performed at a holiday event at the Backyard Experience.

**Nathan Jose** performed his book 1 recital before a large gathering of extended family, and was joined by Jacob and cousins Danny and Benjamin for a grand Twinkle march around the house. Jacob also performed on his brother's recital.

**Isaac Weber** and **Nate** and **Edgel Alley**, who played on a PTO talent show for Tinseltown at Thomas Elementary School.

**Sean Kirk**, who will perform for the church service December 13 with **Kari Gunderson** and **Susan Walsh** at Worthington Presbyterian Church.

**Louisa** and **Francisco Garfias**, who will play for the family's large Posada party December 12 which also collects toys for poor children in Mexico which they'll deliver in a few weeks when they go south to play for their grandparents' fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration.

**Meredith Lloyd**, who'll play her book 5 recital at 10:00 for the large crowd gathered for Breakfast with Santa at St. Paul church in Westerville December 12. **Maggie** and **Joe Ridgeway** and others will perform at 11:00. Please let Kari Gunderson know if you're planning to attend by Thursday, Dec. 10, bring your holiday music, and find us in

the Miller Room at the church, 61 Moss Road. The event is a fundraiser for feeding needy families.

**Tony Lloyd** tells us that there are performing opportunities at Hanby House in Westerville in case any families are looking for a lovely setting. You may email him at [alloyd1455@yahoo.com](mailto:alloyd1455@yahoo.com) for more information.

**DVD Book 1 Party, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Wed., Dec. 16** at Kari's house, the modern house behind 414 Arcadia Ave. Come watch and play along with the two DVD's made by Kari and students and take them home as gifts if you didn't already receive them from our Suzuki school last year. We'll finish with some holiday songs and treats brought by people who come. Participant limit is eight families, so reserve a time by emailing [kari.gunderson@hotmail.com](mailto:kari.gunderson@hotmail.com)

**If you ever needed some inspiration**, Kari has sent in a great link below, a video of former SVS students. The playing is beautiful and it's exciting to see what your child may be able to accomplish some day:

Eva Kennedy's dad sent a youtube link which shows several of our former students playing the Mendelssohn octet. They are a part of the Chamber Music Connection. Though the camera is centered on Eva, you may be able to catch glimpses of Hee-yeon Chung, Laura Gamboa, and Kyle Price - Debbie's son. It's a look into the future, as Suzuki-trained students become award-winning performers (Eva's quartet was a winner in the Fischhoff Competition this year!)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sXwnMxeZGn8>

#### **ADULT VIOLIN CLASS**

Kari Gunderson's Wednesday evening adult violin class can use another person or two. So far we have several people who read music and have played other instruments. We'll be learning some advanced techniques like vibrato, getting a lovelier sound, understanding the complexities of playing in different keys on the violin, and going through the books 1 and 2 violin literature. We'll also have a good time getting to know each other. Adult students of Kari and Susan Walsh just had a get-together Sunday night at Pacific Eatery and played music together for several hours. A great way to enjoy great people!

The class will meet from 8:00 - 9:00 at her home in Clintonville on Wednesday nights during winter quarter. The cost is \$72, paid to her directly. For more information, email Kari at [kari.gunderson@hotmail.com](mailto:kari.gunderson@hotmail.com)

#### **New Book 1 Class Descriptions – by Lead Teacher, Alie Joyner**

##### **Book One Classes, "Rondo" and "Crescendo"**

**"Rondo"** class will meet on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. The class is named after the musical term rondo, which is a musical form where the principal theme is repeated several times. The class will focus on learning basic steps, repeating and perfecting those steps and then applying new concepts and techniques such as plucking or bowing to familiar repertoire. The "Rondo" class is intended to accommodate new beginners, through students who are polishing O'Come Little Children.

**"Crescendo"** class will meet on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. The class is named after the musical term crescendo, which means gradually increasing in volume, force or intensity. The class will focus on applying newer concepts and techniques such as tremolo, low two or high three to familiar repertoire. The "Crescendo" class is intended to accommodate students who have polished O'Come Little Children through students who are newly beginning Suzuki Book 2.

**Downloadable schedule:** [Winter Class Schedule - revised](#)

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