

New Ulm Suzuki School of Music

Newsletter

August 2017

Registration Night

Date: August 28

Time: 6:00 – returning students

6:30 – preview for new/prospective students

Location: United Church of Christ

We will have a short meeting at 6:00 and registration to follow. At 6:30 we will have a preview time for new and prospective students to come and check out the school. They will be able to try out instruments, meet teachers and see our space. Encourage family, friends, neighbors to come and check it out. We have openings in all instruments but limited space in violin/viola lesson spots. We will have registration information available for them.

Cello lessons

We want to welcome Ruth Einstein as our new cello teacher. We are thrilled she is joining us and hope to be able to supply some students for her. If you know of anyone interested in cello lessons we have a teacher ready to go!

Communication

We will be streamlining our communication. There are so many options these days for communication that we feel it is now impeding our ability to stay in touch. We will be sending communications 3 ways.

- 1) Email – give us the email that you will be checking the most
- 2) Printed newsletters and notices – these will be available at group lessons
- 3) Website – we will post updates, reminders, etc... on our website. Check it often. The calendar is also on the website – make sure to check for updates

We will leave the responsibility in your very capable hands to check these avenues of communication. As always, you are welcome to ask questions of your teachers as well.

Tuition changes

There are several changes that are occurring with the tuition amount this year. We are working at leveling out our lesson fees while trying to be very mindful of keeping costs down. We have not had a tuition increase for several years. Here is what you will see. As you can see in the current fee structure the cost as you increased your lesson time did not reflect the time spent

by our teachers. Our new fee structure should reflect that more accurately. We are also dropping the additional fee for multiple children within one family. We will now have just one family fee regardless of how many children participate.

Family Fee –

Current fee - \$90/first child - \$40/each additional child

New Fee - \$90/family – no additional charge for additional children

		Level 1	Level 2
Tuition -	20 Minute lessons	\$70	\$63
Current	30 Minute lessons	\$80	\$72
Fee	45 Minute lessons	\$95	\$86
	60 Minute lessons	\$110	
	Group lesson only	\$20	
		Level 1	Level 2
Tuition –	20 Minute lessons will be decreasing	\$65	\$60
New	30 Minute lessons will be increasing	\$85	\$75
Fee	45 Minute lessons will be increasing	\$105	\$95
	60 Minute lessons will be increasing	\$125	
	Group lesson only will remain unchanged	\$20	

Level 1 teachers – Paula Anderson, Judy Martens, Shirley Hanneman & Carolyn Borgen

Level 2 teachers – Janelle Munson, Mark Wamma & Ruth Einstein

We will once again be offering the 5% discount to any family that can pay in full by September 30th. Keep in mind that it is the annual tuition fee only and can be for just one student if you have multiples.

Scholarship opportunities

We have several options to help with the cost of your lessons each month. We will have a complete list and information at registration night. We will also post it on our website. We encourage all to take advantage of whatever is available to them. Some options are:

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

United Way

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This can also be a wonderful gift from grandparents/family to your children. We understand the financial obligation you are making when you enroll your student but we also know the gift you are giving them. If you need more suggestions, please let us know. We are willing to work with anyone on payments. We just need you to let us know your situation. We want to help make lessons happen for anyone that is interested.

Special Activities

We would like to invite everyone to attend one or more of our special activities. We like to offer these opportunities to our families every year. It is a wonderful opportunity to expose your families to all kinds of art activities. This year we will be offering group tickets to the following.

- December 11 – 7:30PM @ MLC auditorium – Lorie Line Christmas – King of Kings concert
- Musical – more specifics will be available at registration
- Inside the classics – Minnesota Orchestra – more specifics will be available at registration
- Mankato Symphony Orchestra concerts – throughout the season
We are going to have 4 tickets (2 adult and 2 student) available for the Mankato Symphony Orchestra concerts in Mankato. They will be available on a first come first serve basis. If you want a specific concert sign up early. You can also reserve your tickets through the Suzuki email – office@newulmsuzuki.org

We will have sign ups for all these events at registration night. Come with your calendars and mark them down. We hope to get some big groups to these various events.

Recitals

We are thrilled that all recitals will now be held at the United Church of Christ. We are excited to be able to use our new grand piano in this beautiful space. Invite family and friends to our recitals to enjoy watching the kids progress.

Volunteer Hours

Each family is required 5 hours of volunteer time each year. If you don't fulfill those hours you will be charged \$10/hour that is not filled. We have many opportunities to volunteer. We will have sign up sheets for some of these events, but we always have things come up during the year, so watch your email for opportunities. We truly do need everyone's help to make the school function smoothly. Thank you for your time and we look forward to working with all of you.

Board Members

Below are the names of your Board of Directors for the New Ulm Suzuki School. If you have any concerns, questions, suggestions, etc. these are the people you can talk to. Feel free to catch them at our various events. We thank them for their service to make your school run smoothly.

Laura Martens – President
Anna Friese – Vice-President
Leah Matzke – Secretary

Marka Stocker – Treasurer/Bookkeeper

Dorie Tess

Kate Carlovsky

Katie Gag

Paula Anderson – co-director

Judy Martens – co-director

Outgoing member – Jenny Dunkel – thank you for your service!! You have been a wonderful gift to our school.