

# **New Ulm Suzuki School of Music**

## **Newsletter - April 2018**

### **Parent Group**

Beginning this last week we will be having a few parent groups for both new and veteran parents. All are invited and encouraged to attend, but we especially want to invite our newer parents who are still getting used to our program and philosophy. We want to make this a wonderful journey and working together helps that happen. Here are the dates and times. The students will be occupied by games and activities. Please put these dates on your calendars and plan to attend. While we understand that we have missed several group lessons due to weather we also know the importance of parent involvement in our overall program. We felt that getting together with parents before our summer break was equally important.

**April 9 – 4:00-4:30**

**April 23 – 4:00-5:00**

**May 7 – 4:00-5:00**

### **Recitals - CANCELED**

A sign up was emailed out to all families this week for our upcoming recitals – April 15 at 3:00, 4:30 or 6:00. Check your emails and respond with your preference for time. All recitals are at UCC. Bring along a favorite treat/snack to share after the recital. Invite family and friends to come hear how these students are progressing!!

### **Nursing Home and Assisted Living performances – April 30th**

Every year we try to get in a few performances to share music with our nursing home and assisted living residents. This year we are going to be doing this on Monday – April 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be instead of regular group lessons. They truly look forward to the kids coming and sharing their talents and excitement.

**All string players – Oak Hills Living Center – 1314 8<sup>th</sup> Street North – New Ulm - Chapel**

**All piano players – Ridgeway on German – 715 South German Street – New Ulm – entrance area**

### **THANK YOU – Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council**

We have once again received an \$8,000 grant from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council to help with operating expenses and also our summer Pops Camp. This has been a wonderful addition to our budget over the years and their continued support and encouragement is a beautiful gift. Thank you to them for their generosity.

### **Mankato Symphony Orchestra youth concert**

May 18 – time TBA (during the school day)

Every spring the MSO offers youth concerts. We have 15 tickets reserved and they will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. These are concerts geared towards younger listeners. They are also interactive which helps keep the kids involved in the music. We do have some prep work for the kids before the concert so need to know who would be interested in going. These are free for all.

A sign up will be coming out soon. We have lots going on this spring. Check your calendars and if you are interested just sign up through the email. Those who are going will meet Monday – May 14 for prep time so the kids know what to expect. These concerts are great for kids from 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade but younger and older are also invited.

### **Suzuki Workshops**

We have scheduled some wonderful clinicians to come and work with our students in May and June. Here are dates so you can get them on your calendars. Sign-ups will be coming out soon so we can put together the schedules

May 23 – All bass students – Carolyn will let you know the schedule for the day

June 9 – All piano, violin, viola and cello students - more information will be coming soon – watch your emails!!

### **Bass Concert – May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30PM – United Church of Christ**

Following our bass Suzuki workshop we are very privileged to have the clinician – Jesse Dietschi from Canada – give a solo bass concert. We invite all of our students and families to attend.

Jesse Dietschi is a versatile musician and composer equally experienced in jazz, classical, and popular music. He has performed, recorded, and toured with a range of artists and productions, including CBC's Sounds of the Season, NBC's hit show Hannibal, the Luminato Festival, The Headstones, Metric, Jamie Parker, Robi Botos, Ken Lavigne, Kindred Spirits Orchestra, and Tunnel Six. Cost will be \$5.00/person – children 10 and under are free. Bring family and friends for a unique concert featuring this wonderful bassist.

### **Piano schedule – added group lessons due to many snow day cancellations**

#### **Monday – April 23 & May 7 – regular group schedule for all**

I have added a group lesson/Allegro Strings rehearsal to our calendar. Please check both dates to make sure you have them down. Check the updated calendar on our website. We've had lots of Monday snow days and with the end of the year coming up quick I think it would be great to get in one extra practice. Following recitals until the end of the year bring along your duet music and ukuleles (if you are playing these) to every group lesson. We will be getting ready for our year end duet concert!!