

New Ulm Suzuki School of Music

Newsletter

February 2019

Thank You

Back in December we had our annual Gala – now called the Twinkle Gala. It was an overwhelming success and we thank everyone involved. We especially want to thank our various coordinators, Shelly Rae Zinniel, LaShawn Smith, Andrea Boettger and our board of directors along with the volunteers that helped that day. Without all of you we could not do this! Thank you and we were able to raise dollars that will replenish our scholarship and event fund. These dollars will go directly to scholarships and student enrichment programming. What a wonderful gift!!

Winter Recitals

The sign up was sent out January 30th via Sign Up Genius. Please take a moment to check your email and get your student signed up for the recital time that works best for you. A few details to remember:

- Come a few minutes early to tune and get seated for the recital
- Dress is casual dressy
- Bring family and friends to hear the progress your student is making
- Bring snacks to share afterwards – the kids look forward to the treats!!

Parent Classes

We will be resuming our parent classes. They will be offered on the following dates. All parents are encouraged to attend.

February 18 – 4:00-5:00

March 18 – 4:00-5:00

April 1 – 4:00-5:00

May 6 – 4:00-5:00

Important Dates to Remember

February 9 – MMTA Contest – New Ulm

February 10 – Winter Recitals

March 9 – SAM Piano Graduation Recitals

March 16 – SAM String Graduation Recitals

March 17 – MMTA Contest Finals – TC

April 7 – Spring Recitals

April 15 – Spring Suzuki Festival

May 13 – Final group lessons for the year – a fun day with lots of playing and treats

Spring Practice Incentive

Our Spring Practice Incentive will begin next week, February 4th. As we said last fall, the next goal is to increase our students' review habits. There are 14 weeks left in the semester. If your student reviews 12 out of the next 14 weeks, they will be eligible for our next incentive celebration (details TBA). You can get started with your review right now and fine tune it with your teacher over the next couple of weeks. Watch your email for specific information and tracking sheets. Good luck and start reviewing!!!

Mankato Symphony Orchestra Tickets

We have three sets of tickets available for our families to use for a free MSO concert. We have six tickets for each of the concerts. For more information check out their website at www.mankatosymphony.com. You can either email office@newulmsuzuki.org or sign up for these tickets at group lessons. First come first served. A great opportunity for your family to hear some great music.

February 16 – 7:30PM - The New Standards – Good Counsel Chapel

May 11 – 7:30PM – Handel Messiah – Verizon Center Grand Hall

June 1 – 7:30PM – Horn of Plenty – St. Peter Performing Arts Center

Spring Suzuki Festival – April 15 – 4:00-7:00 (see schedule below)

We are trying something new this year and having a Monday Suzuki festival instead of our year end concert or play-in. Here is the schedule.

- 4:00-5:00 – Students in the Pre-Twinkle-Book 2 group lessons will be playing at local nursing homes
- 5:15 – Return to UCC for a Pizza Party and root beer floats
- 6:00-7:00 – Concert by the Allegro Strings at UCC – we encourage everyone to stay and enjoy the music.

We will get more information out to people as the date approaches, but wanted everyone to get this on their calendars.

Items for sale or needed

- **Piano give-away**

We have one piano that we would like to find a new home for. The room is a bit crowded and we are trying to downsize to fit our space better. Please contact Judy Martens if you or someone you know would be interested in a piano. We just ask for a donation to the school.

- **Shelf unit needed**

We are in need of a couple of shelf units to organize our supplies. If you have an extra shelf around we would love to take it off your hands. Please email office@newulmsuzuki.org and let us know. We will come and get it or you can deliver. Either way works for us. Thanks in advance.