

# **New Ulm Suzuki School of Music Winter 2020 Update**

## **Upcoming Events:**

February 1 - MMTA Piano Contest Preliminaries- Martin Luther College, New Ulm

February 6- 10am Minnesota Orchestra Young People's Concert in Minneapolis

February 15- 11am Mid-level Honors Orchestra Concert in Minneapolis

February 16- Winter Recitals at United Church of Christ, New Ulm

March 7- SAM piano statewide graduation, St. Paul, MN

March 14- SAM strings statewide graduation St. Paul, MN

March 14/15 - MMTA Piano Contest finals - University of MN - Minneapolis

April 3,4- Spring orchestra workshop/concert with Martin Luther College

**MMTA Contest-** Several piano students will be participating in the MN Music Teachers Association piano contest. This is an annual event offered to all piano students that wish to participate. The preliminaries take place throughout MN and one of the locations is right here at MLC. Finals take place at the University of MN - Minneapolis campus. It's a wonderful opportunity to take a piece outside of the Suzuki repertoire and polish and perfect it for others to give you feedback. If you qualify at both the preliminaries and finals you are then able to participate in the Honors Concert in early June. A wonderful concert of duets played with 20 grand pianos on stage and 40 students. A memory for sure. Please check with your individual teacher if you are interested in participating.

## **Minnesota String and Orchestra Teachers Association's (MNSOTA) Mid-level Honors**

**Orchestra-** Three of our students- Bethany Spike, Leah Menzel, and Joshua Carlovsky- will be participating in the MNSOTA Mid-level Honors Orchestra, held in Minneapolis on Feb 14-15 as part of the Minnesota Music Educators Association's annual conference. They will be presenting a concert on Feb. 15 at 11am. This is located at the Minneapolis Convention Center- Room 101A - 1301 2nd Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55403 It is especially exciting for them to participate and to be led by Carl Rieke, who traditionally leads our Pops Camp in the summer.

## **Winter Recitals-** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044CADAC23A6F49-winter>

Winter recitals are soon approaching for **all** students! Options are at 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, and 6:00pm on Sunday, February 16. Please sign up as soon as you can. Please click the "Display an alternate name on the signup" box so that you can sign up each child by name.

**Statewide Suzuki Graduation-** If your child is involved in statewide graduation, their teacher will have already notified you. Your individual lesson teacher will decide when you are ready for graduation. Recordings have already been sent in for this year but preparations for next year are already getting started. You receive a trophy for each Suzuki repertoire book you graduate from and comments from another Suzuki teacher. It is truly a rite of passage as you progress through the books. Trophies are handed out at the Statewide graduation recitals for those in attendance. If you are unable to attend we will gather them and hand out at our spring recitals. Pianos will graduate Saturday, March 7. Strings will graduate Saturday, March 14.

**Looking Ahead-** Mid-Winter MLC Workshop/Concert Rescheduled to April 3-4!

Winter weather postponed the workshop that the advanced students were going to perform with Martin Luther College's Wind Symphony. That concert will be open to the public at no charge on Saturday, April 4, at 7pm in the Martin Luther College auditorium. We encourage you to bring your younger ones to come enjoy this concert, which features a variety of music!

Summit Avenue Music will present "Cello Treasures" also that weekend on April 5 at 3pm in Martin Luther College's Chapel of the Christ. We encourage everyone to come experience the high level chamber music!

**Piano groups-**

February 3 - ALL group lessons, note-reading and Allegro Strings; recital prep

February 10 - Note-reading for groups 1 & 2

February 17 - Note-reading for groups 1, 2 & 3

February 24 - NO group lessons, note-reading or Allegro Strings

March 2 - Group Lesson only day and Allegro Strings (NO note-reading)

March 9 - NO group lessons, note-reading or Allegro Strings

March 16 - Note-reading for groups 1, 2 & 3

March 23 - NO group lessons, note-reading or Allegro Strings

March 30 - Note-reading for groups 1, 2 & 3

**String groups-**

February 3 - ALL group lessons, note-reading and Allegro Strings; recital prep

February 10 - ALL group lessons, note-reading and Allegro Strings; recital prep

February 17 - ALL group lessons, note-reading and Allegro Strings

February 24 - NO group lessons, note-reading or Allegro Strings

March 2 - ALL group lessons and Allegro Strings, NO note-reading

March 9 - ALL group lessons and Allegro Strings, NO note-reading

(Mark's viola group/4pm Book 1 group will NOT be meeting)

March 16 - ALL group lessons, note-reading and Allegro Strings

March 23 - NO group lessons, note-reading or Allegro Strings

March 30 - ALL group lessons, note-reading and Allegro Strings

**Allegro Strings-** (families providing snacks are noted)

February 3 - Rodewald family

February 10- Schroepfer family STRINGS ONLY

February 17 - Lueth family STRINGS ONLY

March 2 - Matzke family

March 9 - Spengler family STRINGS ONLY

March 16 - Glawe family STRINGS ONLY

March 30 - Wurster family STRINGS ONLY