

FAIRBANKS SCHOOL OF TALENT EDUCATION

FALL 2010 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Group Classes!

"...group classes help to foster local and international musical community and camaraderie, and provide motivation for students to learn new music while keeping the 'old' pieces they have learned in top form." (from "Suzuki Method" in Wikipedia)

Suzuki group classes will soon be underway again and we are fortunate to be able to use University Park School for our classes. Let's be careful to respect this facility. Parents: PLEASE SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES. Running is for outside the building. U. Park teachers have invited us to use their classrooms. Let's be sure to leave these rooms just as we find them, putting furniture back that we may have moved. Please help us continue to be welcome at U. Park.

Register by September 16th and Save!

Register for fall semester by Sept. 16th and receive the \$25 discount. You can send the forms in early or register at our Opening on Sept. 16th.

Families with three or more children may take a \$25 discount starting with the third student. The fee for registrations received after Sept. 16th. is \$165. You can mail your registrations to **Nancy Morgan, 3240 Rosie Cr. Rd., Fairbanks, AK 99709. Mailed registrations must show a postmark of Sept. 9th in order to be received by Sept. 16th.** Extra registration forms can be printed from our website, www.suzukifairbanks.com

Opening night format: Sept. 16

- 6:00 Everyone meet in UPark Commons for opening festivities.
- 6:15 Break into groups for Play-ins. Commons- all violins; Rm. 34-Gail's group; Rm. 38- all violas; Rm. 36- all cellos; Rm. 60- all flutes
- 7:15 Sidewalk Ice Cream Social

Mark Your Calendars

- Sept 16 Opening Night Festivities
- Sept 23 No Group Class
- Sept 30 Classes start – Group class lists emailed to you before this class
- Oct. 9 6 hour "Every Child Can" class (Zion Lutheran Church, 2980 Davis Rd). Plan for the class to be from 9-12 and 1-4.

- Oct. 14, 21, 28, and Nov. 4 Adult Foundation Class – Instrumental playing (U-Park, 7:45-9:00pm)

- Oct. 28 Halloween Concert

Nov. 11, 18, Dec. 2, and 9 Adult Foundation Class – Music Note Reading
(U-Park, 7:45-9:00)

Nov. 18 Parent Practicing Idea Exchange (6:30-7:00)

Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Break- no class

Dec. 9 Holiday Gala Concert (last class before the holidays)

Jan. 13 Group classes resume. This is the last class of our first semester. Register for second semester.

Jan. 20 First class of second semester. Changes to group classes will be emailed to you before this date.

Group lesson teachers

Larissa Cochran	398-5116	LarissaCochran@hotmail.com
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Cheri Weed	488-0450	akkid78@hotmail.com (on leave fall semester)
Dorli McWayne	479-6701	dorli@gci.net
Thom McLean	458-0007	thomwmclean@gmail.com

FSTE encourages teachers to pursue on-going teacher training and to be members of the Suzuki Association of the Americas. SAA is making an effort nation wide to raise teaching standards. All teachers claiming to use the Suzuki method are encouraged to refer to the SAA journal for training guidelines.

Cold Weather Policy

If the temperature is -30 degrees or colder at 4pm **as recorded on our website**, group lessons will be canceled. If group class is canceled due to the cold, we cannot offer make-up classes.

Monthly Group Lesson Format – Plan to arrive 15 minutes before your classes begin for tuning and setup.

First Thursday of the Month

6:00-6:30 1st session classes

6:30-7:00 **Recital** in the Commons*

7:00-7:30 2nd session classes

*For all Suzuki Group Lesson students

Second & Third Thursdays: Regular Schedule

6:00-6:45 1st session classes

6:45-7:30 2nd session classes

Fourth Thursday of the Month: Altered Schedule

6:00-6:30 1st session classes

6:30-7:00 **Large Groups** for violins (viola/cello large group on third Thursday of month)

7:00-7:30 2nd session classes

Group Class Recitals

Recitals are an integral part of our program. On the First-Thursdays-of-the-Month go to your regularly scheduled class plus the recital at 6:30. Students are nominated for these recitals by their private teachers and need to practice with our accompanist, JIM SPONTAK (458-7458; spontak@gci.net). Arrange to practice with him the week before the recital from 7:00-7:30; there is only limited time immediately before the recital from 6:00-6:30. Other times can be arranged with Jim at his home studio, but these would be at his hourly rate.

Adult Foundation Classes

There are three adult classes available for parents whose children are beginning lessons with a private teacher OR parents who are considering the Suzuki Method OR any adult who wants more information about this pedagogy.

1. EVERY CHILD CAN (ECC) is an introduction to Dr. Suzuki's philosophy and its application to Suzuki Education. Designed for experienced and prospective Suzuki teachers, music educators, parents and others, this course provides an inspiring in-depth look at the Suzuki approach to teaching and learning. A fast-paced and engaging program, ECC includes new video materials and provides each participant with useful reference materials for later study. For teachers, ECC serves as the required first course in the SAA Teacher Development Program.

The dates are Oct.9, 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 at Zion Lutheran Church, 2980 Davis Rd. Fee \$115.
Instructor- Gail Johansen

2. INSTRUMENTAL PLAYING is a 4 week class for parents whose children are beginning lessons with a private teacher. Parents will learn how to play the Twinkle Variations on their respective instrument so they can feel more comfortable as the home teacher. Preceding this class, the parent should have at least one private lesson with their teacher. Instrument care will also be discussed.

Materials needed: Nurtured By Love by Shinichi Suzuki, Suzuki Violin School Volume 1, *revised ed.* and CD.

The dates are Oct. 14, 21, 28, and Nov. 4 at 7:45-9:00 PM, University Park School, 554 Loftus Rd. in Room 36. Fee \$70 plus materials. Instructor- Jean Krause

3. MUSIC NOTE READING is a 4 week class for any parents that need to learn how to read music or need a refresher course. Nov. 11, 18, and Dec. 2 and 9 at 7:45-9:00 PM, University Park School, Room 36. Fee \$75.

Instructor- Nancy Morgan

The classes are for adults only. You need to make child care arrangements for the time you will be in class. Please fill out the registration form found on the website www.suzukifairbanks.com and send it to Jean Krause 1698 Bridgewater Dr., Fairbanks, AK 99709

Instrument Repair

For your instrument repair needs contact:

- Chris Kilgore at Stringworks, 457-6939
- Petr Bucinsky at Petr's Violin Shop, 1408 Hyder St., Suite B, Anchorage, AK 99501, tel. 277-9115
- Mitsugu Gomikawa of Col Legno visits once a year in January to do violin repair. If you would like to have repairs done by him please talk with your teacher.

Some great concert dates for your calendar

Oct. 3, 4pm, Arctic Chamber Orchestra, Davis Concert Hall, UAF

Oct. 31, 4pm, Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra

Dec. 5, 4pm, Holiday Concert with FSO and choirs

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