

Welcome to Group Classes!

Fall 2011 Newsletter

“EXCELLENCE is a habit” --*Aristotle*

“Every great and commanding moment in the annals of the world is a triumph of some ENTHUSIASM”
--*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Using childrens' natural enthusiasm when they gather in groups to play a common repertoire is a repeated theme in Dr. Suzuki's philosophy. In his vision, group classes provide the constant motivation for excellence as students learn new music while perfecting the “old” pieces. As always, FSTE is striving for a musical community built on the camaraderie of enthusiasm and excellence.

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. UPark 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 UPark.

Register by September 15 and Save!

With OPENING NIGHT FESTIVITIES on September 15, our formal group classes start on Sept. 29. Register for first semester by Sept. 15 and receive the \$25 discount. You can send the form and \$140 fee in early or register at our Opening on Sept.15.

Families with three or more children may take a \$25 discount starting with the third student. The fee for registrations received after Sept. 15 is \$165. You can mail your registration to **Nancy Morgan, 3240 Rosie Cr. Rd., Fairbanks, AK 99709. Mailed registrations must show a postmark of Sept. 8 in order to be received by Sept. 15.** Extra registration forms can be printed from our website, www.suzukifairbanks.com.

Opening Night Format: Sept. 15

We have some fun and different plans in store for our first Thursday night gathering! Since the plans are still formulating, an announcement will be sent out soon.

Mark Your Calendars

- September 15 ----- Opening Night Festivities
- September 22 ----- No Group Class (teachers are setting up the classes)
- September 29 ----- Group class lists to be emailed to you before this class
- October 7 ----- “Every Child Can” class 6:00-9:00pm (Zion Lutheran Church)
- October 8 ----- “Every Child Can” class continued, 9:00am to 12:00pm
- Sept. 29, Oct. 13, 20, 27 --- Parent Foundation Classes
- Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1 ----- Adult Note-reading Classes
- October 27 ----- Halloween Concert
- November 17 ----- Parents Practicing Ideas/Exchange (6:30-7)
- November 24 ----- Thanksgiving Break- no class
- December 8 ----- Holiday Gala Concert (last class before the holidays)
- January 12 ----- Group classes resume. This is the last class of our first semester. Register for second semester.
- January 19 ----- First class of second semester. Changes to group classes will be emailed to you before this date.

Group Lesson Teachers

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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 cancelled. If group class is cancelled due to the cold, we cannot offer make-up classes.

Monthly Group Lesson Format

First Thursday of the Month: Altered Schedule

6:00 – 6:30 -- 1st session classes

6:30 – 7:00 -- **Recital** in the Commons (For **ALL** Suzuki Group Lesson students)

7:00 – 7:30 -- 2nd session classes

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 Group** in the Commons for violins (sometimes 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-Thursday-of-the-Month go to your regularly scheduled class, plus the recital at 6:30 in the Commons. 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 7-7:30pm; 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

The teachers will present classes 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. These 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 forms found on the website www.suzukifairbanks.com and send them with fees to Jean Krause (457-5716).

October 7 and 8 – **“Every Child Can,” (ECC)** a 6 hour class designed and certified by the Suzuki Association of the Americas. **“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 new 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. This class will be held at Zion Lutheran Church from 6-9pm on the 7th and 9am to 12pm on the 8th.

September 29, October 13, 20, 27 – **Parent Orientation** is a series of classes allowing participants to delve deeper into the main ideas of the Suzuki Method. Discussion and hands-on sessions give adults experience with the instruments their children will be learning. Classes meet from 7:45-9:00pm at University Park School.

November 3, 10, 17 and December 1 – **Note-reading for Adults** is a series of classes for community members interested in music reading skills. Examining the written Suzuki repertoire will hopefully clarify the language of music. Classes meet from 7:45-9:00pm at University Park School.

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, 277-9115.

...some great concert dates for your calendar

Oct. 2 -- 4:00 PM Arctic Chamber Orchestra Concert at Davis Concert Hall, UA

Oct. 31 -- 4:00 PM Fairbanks Symphony Concert at Davis

Dec. 4 -- 4:00 PM FSO Holiday Concert

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