

Boulder Suzuki Strings News

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Famed cellist Yo Yo Ma's thoughts on Practice: "Sometimes the hour feels like 3 minutes. Other times it could feel like 20 hours. It's about turning that little switch on inside that goes from 'I have to do it' to 'I want to do it.' That's the essence of learning anything."

Dear Boulder Suzuki Strings Families,

As we approach the holiday season, we start to think about family and friends, near and far. We hope to spend time together, which is not easy in this busy, chaotic world we live in. We have many opportunities to get together with our musical friends and family. I was so impressed by the solo recitals and the performances of all the students on violin, viola and cello, from the very beginner to the most advanced. It is wonderful to see the progress and excitement these recitals bring. The comments are great – "I can't wait to play that piece. What book is that in?"

We are now looking ahead to the holiday concerts and bringing joy and happiness to people in retirement homes as well as folks in our Boulder community. Please see page 2 for the sign up details.

The faculty and students are excited to share our group work with you on Friday December 9th. Please join us for the 7th annual potluck and ensemble concert that highlights the fall semester. See page 4 for all the information.

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events. Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year.

Sincerely,

Amy and the Faculty of Boulder Suzuki Strings

BSS Calendar

Friday, Dec. 2nd	Group
Saturday, Dec. 3rd	Holiday Concerts
Friday, Dec. 9th	Group, Potluck and Concert
Saturday, Dec. 10th	Holiday Concerts
Friday, Jan. 20th	Group
Friday, Feb. 3rd	Group
Friday, Feb. 24th	Group
Friday, March 9th	Group
Friday March 16th	Group
Friday and Saturday, Apr 13 th and 14th	Spring Workshop at BVCC
Friday, Apr. 27th	Solo Recital Run-Throughs
Friday and Saturday, May 4 th and 5th	Solo Recitals

"In music: 'To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, to be late is to be forgotten.'"

-Joel Schut

A message from Mr. Starr...

Dear Suzuki Parents, especially you new ones!

Welcome to the Boulder Suzuki Strings, this wonderful program! Our teachers have developed fine graduates year after year! I knew this but this opinion of mine was recently reinforced by outside observers.

I was recently honored by visits from six of the top Japanese teachers who came to America years ago. I played CD's from a number of our advanced classes over the years. They were impressed by the CONSISTENT HIGH LEVEL of playing YEAR AFTER YEAR! I had to reassure them that there were entirely different groups playing on many of those CD's!

That was the first time that I had listened to so many fine performances from so many different years! Congratulations to you parents who supported all this, to the fine staff of teachers, and to the students themselves, and last but not least, to AMY for starting this program, and dedicating so many years to its growth!

I'm looking forward to another stellar year! Please let Amy know of any outside performances possible! You should have heard the reception the kids got from the Rotary Club several years ago. A SHOUTING STANDING OVATION!

All my best to you,

William Starr

Don't forget to sign up for Holiday Concerts*

Saturday, December 3rd

- 10:30 am Frasier Meadows Assisted Living North Entrance 4900 Thunderbird Dr. open to all students (not best for Pre-Twinklers)
- 2pm Alterra Wynwood at Ridge Point, 3375 34th Street, Boulder. Arrive at 1:45 featuring Adult Group, "Amphora" and all others are welcome, especially advanced players.
- 4pm Barnes and Noble (2999 Pearl Street) near Whole Foods. Open to all students.

Saturday, December 10th

- 10am Flatiron Crossing Mall, Nordstrom Court (lower level, inside mall doors to Nordstrom) featuring Cellists and Pre-Twinklers. All are welcome.
- 10:30 am Frasier Meadows Assisted Living North Entrance 4900 Thunderbird Dr. open to all students (not best for Pre-Twinklers)
- 4pm Barnes and Noble (2999 Pearl Street) near Whole Foods. Featuring violists and pre-twinklers. Open to all students: advanced violin/viola ensemble highly encouraged to attend this show!

*For all holiday concerts, please arrive 15 minutes early

Mountain View Church folks have asked us to please remind you to stay with your children *at all times* both inside and outside while attending group or private lessons. Also, please do not use empty classrooms, the kitchen or church telephones. Please help make our jobs easier and follow the policies of the church.

Thank you.

Upcoming Community Concerts

*“Music gives soul to the universe,
wings to the mind, flight to the
imagination and life to
everything.” -Plato*

- **CU Symphony** *Thursday, November 17th 7:30 p.m.* Macky Auditorium. Free.
- **Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado** Venus and Adonis, with the Boulder Children’s Chorale *Saturday, November 19th 7:30 p.m.* First Congregational Church 1128 Pine St. Boulder and *Sunday, November 20th 4p.m.* Baha’i Center of Metro Denver 225 E. Bayaud Ave., Denver.
- **CU Campus Orchestra** *Monday, December 5th 7:30 p.m.* Grusin Recital Hall. Free.
- **Jefferson Symphony** Holiday Concert – *December 11, 2011 – 3 p.m.* Guest Artists: Judy Shay Burns, Soprano and Brian Stinar, Tenor. Silent Auction and Wine Reception. www.jeffsymphony.org Green Center, Colorado School of Mines Campus, 16th and Cheyenne Streets, Golden.
- **Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado** – Italian Sojourns *Friday, January 6th – 7:30 p.m.* Parker Arts Culture & Events Center 20000 Pikes Peak Ave., Parker, *Saturday, January 7th – 7:30 p.m.* Bethany Lutheran Church 4500 E. Hampden Ave., Cherry Hills Village, and *Sunday, January 8th – 4p.m.* Broomfield Auditorium 3 Community Park Rd., Broomfield.
- **Front Range Youth Symphony** Winter Concert – *February 2nd 7p.m.*
- **CU Symphony** *Friday, February 17th 7:30 p.m.* Macky Auditorium. Free.
- **Jefferson Symphony** Three American Giants – *February 19, 2012 – 3 p.m.* Guest Artist: Erik Peterson, Violin. www.jeffsymphony.org Green Center, Colorado School of Mines Campus, 16th and Cheyenne Streets, Golden.
- **Joel Schut Conducting Recital** featuring Andres Cardenes, Violin. *Sunday, February 26th 7:30 p.m.* Grusin Recital Hall. Free.

Tour Group

The Tour Group is busy preparing for our tour to Costa Rica in March 2012. We rehearse every Friday that we don’t meet for group.

The music has been carefully chosen as a mixture of Classical, Latin and Americana. The students are in the process of memorizing all the music, as all concerts will be performed from memory! We will be adding the dance moves to some of the music in the very near future.

This time the tour group consists of 13 violinists, 2 cellists and a pianist. We are looking forward to performing our program for the BSS community in March at a date to be announced soon.

Friday, December 9th Potluck and Group Concert

Everyone is invited to a fun-filled highlight of the Fall semester. We hope you will be able to join us after group for a potluck dinner and this special concert. These students have been working since September to perfect their musicality in orchestra, fiddle and supplemental music. Please stay to support them and hear great music. All group classes will meet as usual. There are slight changes: **Classes will be 45 minutes instead of an hour** so we can start the concert at 6:30. All classes will end at 5:30pm. If you only have a 5:00 class, that class on the 9th will begin at 4:45pm.

5:30pm – The Potluck in Barker Hall – This is where we need your help. Please read carefully to know what to bring to share. We are feeding many hungry students and families – **Please, each family bring a main dish to feed a family of 6 and a side dish to feed 8 to 10 people.** The program will provide plates, napkins, utensils and drinks.

6:15 Clean up and Concert at 6:30 – The most important part, of course, is the socializing and then enjoying our students' performances. Since the timing of dinner and the concert is so tight, we will need the cooperation of all families, parents, students and siblings. We want to make sure all the student performers get fed. They will be first in line – then everyone else. At 6:15 the performers will leave to change, tune and get ready to play. We are requesting that ALL the parents remain in Barker Hall at this time to help with clean up, as this must be done quickly and efficiently. The concert will begin as soon as Barker Hall is clean! **Please label your bowls, plates, utensils, etc. and remember to collect them before the concert begins.**

Clean up requests:

Mr. Starr's 4pm Group and Sarah's violin & viola ensemble: Wipe down tables.

Mr. Starr's 5:00pm Group & Joel's 4:00pm chamber ensemble: Put tables and chairs away.

Amy's 4:00pm class and Carla's 5:00pm Fiddle: Sweep floors.

Emily's Fiddle & Jessie's Adult Group: Collect garbage.

Advanced 5:00 cello Groups: Take garbage outside to dumpster near playground.

Joel's 5:00pm orchestra: Put tables and chairs away and sweep floors.

All other families: Please pitch in and help wherever needed.

Thanks to everyone
for helping to make
this evening a
SUCCESS.

*-The Faculty of Boulder
Suzuki Strings*

Fall Tuition:

Tuition for Fall 2011 is due. If you have already paid in full, thank you! If you have not, please do so. Spring 2012 bills will be coming out soon.

Spring Workshop and Final Celebration

Preview:

Spring Workshop and Final Celebration Concerts will be held at Boulder Valley Christian Church, 7100 South Boulder Road, on Friday April 13 and Saturday April 14. We will have classes with guest teachers on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. The two-day workshop will culminate in final concerts. On Friday evening April 13, we will feature our graduating seniors, Joel's orchestra and other group performances to be announced. The Saturday afternoon concert will feature all groups and instruments. We are happy to announce that Robertson and Sons Violins from Albuquerque NM, will again be joining us for all your instrument needs.