



Newsletter



Palouse Suzuki Strings

April 2008

Dear PSS Families,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing your children with us this year. It is always rewarding to see the progress the students make from week to week, month to month, and year to year.

I have really enjoyed coordinating classes for PSS and getting to know many of you so much better through this job.

PSS is fortunate to have such a dedicated board of parents. They embody what the Suzuki Method is about: teachers and parents working together to provide a high quality program for the children. Thank you to this year's board: Don Heroff, Allison Willoughby, Claudia Guzman and Danielle Hess. You are wonderful.

The teachers give so much of their time to PSS and to their studio teaching. (They won't tell you this- but often they are not compensated for the extra time they spend doing book recitals, studio recitals, extra coachings, etc.)

A huge thank you to all teachers and accompanists- who go beyond the mediocre to teach and encourage our young musicians. (Hint: they love to receive flowers and chocolate)

Lastly, thanks to all PSS families who somehow get students to class each week. We know this method asks a lot of all of us- that's why we do it. (and we know it's not easy!)

As many of you know, my family is taking a sabbatical to England next year, so I will be handing over the teacher coordinator position to Jon Cheskin. I am delighted to turn things over to Jon. He is very enthusiastic and willing to continue growing PSS, and is already making plans with the board to get PSS off and running next Fall.

I will be returning in January to studio teaching and group classes. I will miss you all! I hope to have an e-mail address and possibly a blog address where I can post pictures of musical adventures while there.

I hope everyone can participate in our last event of the year- Mad About Music on May 31st at the Dahmen Barn in Uniontown. It will be a lot of fun!

Have a great summer and a fruitful fall.

Thank you for a wonderful year,
Diane Worthey, Teacher Coordinator

May PSS Calendar

5	Solo Day	Pullman
31	Mad About Music	Dahmen Barn

Have a Great Summer!

TEACHERS SAY BON VOYAGE TO DIANE WORTHEY

The Palouse Suzuki Strings teachers would like to say "Bon Voyage" and thank you to their terrific colleague Diane Worthey, who has served as teacher coordinator for the past two years. Diane will be spending the next six months in England on sabbatical, and we wish her well and look forward to her return in the Spring of 2009. Diane has spent countless hours organizing classes, managing concerts and solo days, negotiating with facilities managers, resolving conflicts, soothing anxious parents, and teaching up a storm. Her leadership has made it so much easier for all of us, and has helped set the course of the Palouse Suzuki Strings on an excellent path for the future. Bon Voyage!

GPYO Spring Concert

You are invited to attend a free concert on Saturday May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall at the Lionel Hampton School of Music on the UI campus. The concert is presented by the members of the Greater Palouse Youth Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Ferenc Cseszko and Sheila Kilcoyne. Featured on the program will be a Concerto for Four Violins by Antonio Vivaldi. Abigail Smith, new to our area, will join former PSS members Bethany Davis, David Kong and Heidi Rice on the solo parts. The continuo (solo bass line) will be performed by Geraldine Steiger, another former PSS student. Also on the program will be several short pieces composed by William Grant Still a well-known African American composer. I am sure our young listeners will enjoy the rhythms in "Cumbia y Congo". Watch and listen for the string sections that tap rhythms on their instruments. Finishing off the program with the assistance of the wind section of the University of Idaho Symphony will be the 1st movement of Beethoven's First Symphony. Please join us after the concert for a cake reception. Hope to see you there!

A Year With PSS by Diane Worthey

September came upon us fast
How we wished that Summer would last!
Long summer days came to an end
It was time to tune those strings again.

Little cellos and violins in tow
Wow! Pre-Twinkle classes sure did grow-
Strains of minuets filled the air
There was music everywhere!

Spider Woman came to play
On the October Solo Day
Spider webs and spider games
How does Spider Woman know our names?

November found us getting ready
Making sure our beats were steady
Concert time- it was approaching
While the turkey was a-roasting.

The Winter concert made us proud
To play our music for a crowd
As the students stood so tall
Dona Nobis Pacem said it all.

December 23rd we brought good cheer
To Avalon House to volunteer
To share our music with those who
Are less fortunate than me and you

Spring Semester has flown by
Recitals make our mothers cry
Such progress all the students make
Such practice and commitment this all takes!

And now we see the end is near
One more concert- not to fear!
Mad About Music is on their way
New friends from New Mexico with which to play

The tour group will arrive in town
May 31st - without a frown
For we will have a grand old time
Music at the Barn will be sublime!

And then we will be on our way
To beg again the summer to stay
But Wait! I miss my violin!
When do classes start again?

SOLO DAY MAY 5th

PSS is sponsoring a solo day May 5th in Pullman for students who have not had an opportunity to perform a solo spring semester. This solo day will also feature some advanced students who are competing at Northwest Musicfest the following week. Having an extra performance allows them to fine tune their pieces before the competition. Most of the students performing on May 5th will be current PSS members or PSS graduates. The recital will start at 3:45 and there will be no play-in.

BOOK RECITALS

Jisoo Han	Book 6	April 12
Johan Joo	Book 4	April 12
Morgan Vanderwall	Book 4	April 13
Sam Kinkeade	Book 1	April 13
Bethany Davis	Senior	April 26
Ethan Rathbun	Book 2	April 27

**THAT'S A LOT OF MUSIC,
CONGRATULATIONS!!**

ARE YOU MAD ABOUT MUSIC??

Then be sure to take part in the Mad About Music tour on March 31st. All the way from New Mexico, Susan Kempter's Suzuki group is making the Palouse one of their main stops on their upcoming tour. She has a select group of Suzuki students and parents that will be coming our way. Let's be grand hosts and show them a good time. It will be a whirlwind day, starting with a 10 a.m. rehearsal at the Dahmen Barn. Following this, is a picnic and hike at Kamiak Butte from 1-3 p.m. After this we would recommend a costume change for a concert at the Dahmen Barn at 7 p.m. There are going to be sign up sheets for the concert and potluck/picnic in your teacher's studios. PSS is planning on buying hot dogs and vegetarian dogs for the picnic with the rest being a potluck. Please consider participating in this event in anyway you can!-aw

STRING SHOPPE

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1/2 Nagoya Suzuki Cello (anno 1990) with bow and soft case \$425, contact Jessica Kirkland at timandjessica@gmail.com or 883-0530

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2004 Nagoya-Suzuki 1/8 size violin with bow and zippered case. \$200, call Matt or Jill McCluskey, 334-1607, or mattmcc@wsu.edu

Student grade 1/4 size violin - \$50. Call Jenni Light at 509-243-1222 for questions.

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