



Newsletter



Palouse Suzuki Strings

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Reflections of a PSS Alumnus:

When I think about PSS, I think about the number ten: 10 years of PSS memories, 10 years of building musical friendships, 10 years of solo day milestones, 10 years of encouragement from teachers, other parents, and peers. I try not to think about 10 years of commuting from our home in Palouse (9000 miles over 10 years—oh dear!) because it was all worth it.

We have been fortunate to have all four of our kids involved in Suzuki music. Our goal was to give our kids a gift they could take with them and hopefully use their entire life. Suzuki lessons provided a training ground and a parenting ally as our children grew up to now all being teenagers. Now is the time when music has entered many phases of their lives and we have enjoyed seeing the many directions it has taken them.

When I think of PSS and Suzuki lessons, I realize that music has never been a lone endeavor for us. It has intertwined our lives with wonderful and interesting people who have served as “balcony people” for us. Balcony people are those people in your life who are your imaginary rooting section. In this case, the PSS organization was flesh and blood balcony people for us—cheering us on when we need encouragement. I remember one solo day performance which maybe wasn’t spectacular, but one dear lady commented on the straight bow of our 5 year old. I guess 10 years later I still remember how encouraged my daughter was and proud of her straight bow because someone noticed. Often we would hear kind words such as, “thank you for playing for us today.” Learning an instrument can be a long road of disciplined practice and lessons and I would not easily dismiss the benefits of a group like PSS and the balcony people who are a part of it.

Here’s a long overdue thank you from our family. Thanks for the memories and encouragement—you’re a ten!

Donna Witthuhn

Donna has been a fixture in PSS for longer than anyone I know (other than teachers). She was very involved on the Parent Board, serving as secretary for a number of years. Her children Tyler 18, Rachel 17, Emily and Erin both 15, are still progressing in their music and are amazing to watch. They are now playing in the Greater Palouse Youth Orchestra and in a quintet. To watch them is to see where our kids are going! -Allison

EAT PIZZA FOR PSS

Friday, November 30th, 6:30-8:30 PM everyone needs to eat at the **Pizza Hut in Moscow!** When **anyone** eats at Pizza Hut on this day and time, **20% of your cash receipt will be donated to PSS.** The customer doesn’t need to spend any extra! The only thing the patron must do is tell the cashier that they want to participate. These are the things you can do:

1. Eat at Pizza Hut on that day and time and tell the cashier you want to donate.
2. Tell your friends to eat at Pizza hut at the designated time tell the cashier to donate their receipt..
3. Volunteer to go to Pizza Hut for a time slot to hand out flyers to customers (yes, this is allowed).

For more information contact any board member!

November PSS Calendar

5 th	Rep/Read Parent forum 1 st hour	Pullman
12 th	Rep/Read	Moscow
19 th	Solo Day	Moscow
28 th	Rep/Read	Pullman
30 th	Pizza for PSS	Moscow

Coming Performance:

Dear PSS Families,

We would like to encourage families to attend the next Washington-Idaho Symphony concert. The program is one which families will enjoy.

On the program is The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra by Benjamin Britten, Quiet City by Aaron Copland and Beethoven's 3rd (Eroica) Symphony.

The concerts are Saturday, November 3rd, 8:00 PM at Gladish Auditorium, Pullman and Sunday November 4th, 3:00 PM at Lewiston High Auditorium. Children are admitted free with a paying adult. What a deal!

Many of your teachers play in the Washington-Idaho Symphony and would love to have your support as they perform for the community. (After all, they attend all of your performances to cheer you on!)

As an incentive, we would like students to attend a concert, get a signature on their program from one of the performers, and bring the program to a teacher at PSS. We will have special orchestra pencils for students who attend a classical concert and bring a program to class. Special orchestra pencils will be given out for any classical music concert your child attends. (Book recitals, university concerts, etc....)

We hope to see many of you at one of the upcoming Symphony concerts!

Your PSS Teachers

HOORAY
for
Deployment

The Suzuki Association of Washington State has a Suzuki graduation program in which many of our students participate. The following students polished a graduation piece and sent a recording in to SAWS to be evaluated by an independent teacher. Each of these students qualified to receive a nice trophy to put in their collections.

Level I

A-Youn Kim (cello)
Micah Rawlings (cello)
Yihao Jiang (violin)
Evelyn Bond (violin)
JiYoon Shin (violin)
Kate Schneider (violin)
Johan Joo (violin)
Madison Vanderwall (violin)
Ethan Rathbun (violin)

<i>Book Recitals</i>		
Kate Schneider	Book 2	September 21
Sarah Baik	Book 9	October 6
Hannah Young	Book 7	September 20

Congratulations!!

Level II

A-Youn Kim (cello)
Rachel Hughes (violin)
Myoung-Jun Kang (violin)
Lobna Abdel-Rahim (viola)

Level III

Melissa Aeschliman (violin)

Thank You PSS:

Bruce and I want to thank everyone for your kindness, good wishes, and delicious, healthy meals after his accident. We were both touched and comforted by your care. I think all the get well quick wishes must be working, because Bruce is doing great. I know if this had happened to me I'd still be lying there groaning!

I always say my job has no benefits, but obviously that is a much too narrow definition of benefits. Its wonderful to be part of a community like this. And be careful out there!

Becky



STRING SHOPPE

½ size **violin with bow** and hard case, good condition, \$250. Jim Frenzel, jfrenzel@uidaho.edu, (208) 882-3963

½ size **cello** with bow and badded backpack case, good condition, \$475. Jim Frenzel, jfrenzel@uidaho.edu (208) 882-3963

2004 **Nagoya-Suzuki 1/8 size violin** with bow and zippered case. \$200. Call Matt or Jill McCluskey, (509) 334-1607, or mattmcc@wsu.edu

1996 **A. Rohde ¼ size violin** with wooden horsehair bow. Zippered case and ¼ size KUN rest included. Very good tone, excellent condition. \$400.00 Call Kathleen or Tom Rodgers, 332-4298 or rodgersfamilypullman@msn.com

2001 **Klaus Mueller Prelude, Model 105, ½ size violin** with wooden horsehair bow. Zippered case and ½ size collapsible KUN included. Good tone and condition. Nice set up for beginner student. \$200.00, Call Kathleen or Tom Rodgers, 332-4298 or rodgersfamilypullman@msn.com

1962 **Karl Hofner ¾ size violin** with wooden horsehair bow and new hard-sided case. Violin looks a bit rustic but has a nice sound. Good for beginner student. \$100.00, Call Kathleen or Tom Rodgers, 332-4298 or rodgersfamilypullman@msn.com

