



# Newsletter



*Palouse Suzuki Strings*

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## **Spring Semester Update from Diane Worthey, Teacher Coordinator**

Happy New Year and welcome back to another semester of PSS group classes.

We hope you had a relaxing break from routines and are refreshed and energized for the new semester.

First, congratulations to everyone for a wonderful

Winter Concert. It was rewarding to hear the amazing progress being made by all students. I especially enjoyed the last piece on the program when we could all make music together. If you did not get a chance to order a DVD of the program, talk to Allison Willoughby. Also, a lovely article about PSS group classes and the Winter concert ran in the December 20<sup>th</sup> Pulse section of the Moscow/Pullman News. If you would like a copy of the article, see Diane Worthey.

There are a few staffing changes to group classes this semester:

\* Sheila Kilcoyne is taking the semester off from group classes due to her recent shoulder surgery. She will be homebound for about 10 weeks. I'm sure she would love to hear from students. Her address is in the directory if you would like to send her good wishes telling her how much we will all miss her.

\* Janet McIntosh, a cello teacher and public school orchestra teacher who is new to the area from Post Falls, ID, will be filling in for Sheila this semester. Janet will be teaching the Cello B class and the Allegro Orchestra. We are lucky to have such a capable substitute teacher!

\* Becky Miller will be teaching Con Brio Orchestra and Janet DeTemple will be teaching the Violin Twinkle class (last semester's Pre-Twinkle class).

These changes are related to Sheila's absence as well as some of the teachers needing a change of level that they teach.

Lastly, I want to update you on some Mendelssohn exciting happenings this semester:

The updated website managed by Erin Jepsen has a wealth of information. Check it out at [www.palousesuzuki.com](http://www.palousesuzuki.com) You will find a calendar of group classes as well as interesting links about the Suzuki method, articles and even an on-line metronome! Thank you, Erin!

Here are a few important dates this semester:

\*Our **Spring Concert** is **Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM. (There will be no classes that day)

### *February PSS Calendar*

4	Rep/Read	Pullman
11	Rep/Read	Moscow
18	No Classes	President's Day
25	Solo Day	Pullman

\* **MusicFest Spokane is May 12- 16<sup>th</sup>.** (Many PSS students participate in this festival- ask your teacher for details.) We typically schedule a special recital for MusicFest students to practice performing their piece. (Details TBA)

\* **Mad About Music:** A tour group is coming from New Mexico to give a joint concert with PSS students the weekend of **May 30-31**. The concert will be a Play-in style concert at the Dahmen Barn in Colton on **Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please keep the day open. There will be a rehearsal in the morning at the Barn, followed by a Kamiak Butte picnic. The concert will be in the early evening. We are very excited to welcome this tour group led by Susan Kempter. More details will follow as we plan this exciting event. We hope to make their visit memorable.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. We are looking forward to another great semester of PSS group classes.

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## COMING EVENTS

### Washington-Idaho Symphony Young Artists Concert

The Washington-Idaho Symphony will be in concert **Saturday February 2, 8:00 PM at Gladish Auditorium in Pullman, and Sunday February 3, 3:00 PM at Lewiston High School.**

Come and hear the young artist winners! This is always a great concert to take families to. You will be inspired by these young players and maybe after listening, you will aspire to be a Young Artist someday.

Remember to collect your orchestra pencils from teachers after attending.

Kids are admitted **free** with a paying adult, and tickets are always available at the door. What a deal! Your teachers would love to see you there!

### Regina Carter in Concert in Moscow!

Regina Carter, a world-renown jazz violinist, will be coming to the Jazz Festival in Moscow. If you have never heard Regina, you are in for a treat. Schumann This is a concert not to be missed.

Regina has roots in the Suzuki method, and talks about the method as helping her to explore the instrument completely. She has emerged as the foremost jazz violinist in the world, and even played on Paganini's violin on her CD entitled *Regina Carter, Paganini: After a Dream* (with guards standing by).

She will be performing on **Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at the evening Jazz Festival concert at the Kibbie Dome. For more information, visit [www.jazz.uidaho.edu](http://www.jazz.uidaho.edu)**

## Mad About Music Tour Group Concert Planned

Palouse Suzuki Strings will be hosting the tour group, Mad About Music on May 30-31<sup>st</sup>.

The group consists of about 15 Suzuki students from Albuquerque, New Mexico under the direction of Susan Kempter. Many of you may remember Susan from the Suzuki Institute of the Palouse. We are excited to welcome her back and especially looking forward to doing a joint play-in style concert with her students at the Dahmen Barn in Uniontown.

The group will arrive on May 30<sup>th</sup> and will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Pullman. Please keep Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> open on your calendar. There will be a morning rehearsal and then a picnic at Kamiak Butte. The concert will be in the evening. More details will follow as our plans are solidified.

We hope to make many long distance musical friends and send the group home with fond memories of the Palouse.

If you are interested in assisting with the picnic and other details during their visit, please talk to a board member or to Diane Worthey. We would love to have your help.



### **Thank you to Avalon Concert Participants!**

A huge thank you to all students, parents and teachers who braved the holiday chaos to bring good cheer to the residents of Avalon Care Center on December 22, 2007. The residents were surely Mozart positively affected by our music and presence.

Thanks go out to:

Kate Schneider and her mom, Jill, who accompanied  
Madison and Morgan Vanderwall  
Tia and Kira Vierling  
Erich, Jennabee and Rosalie Wacker  
Madie and Sarah Heroff  
Ryan Lawrence  
Sunny Tran  
Jack Qiu  
Ian Roche  
Leah and Terah Bennett  
Armando and Elizabeth Guzman  
The Beginning cello class  
Molly Banks  
Jon Cheskin  
Becky Miller  
Diane Worthey  
Any other students who participated- apologies if we have missed anyone!

HOORAY  
for  
Diane  
Worthey

## WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

Group classes are automatically cancelled if public schools are closed or released early in the city where group class is scheduled. We have the Dvorak links to both Pullman and Moscow school districts on our website for you convenience, [www.palousesuzuki.com](http://www.palousesuzuki.com) , it has been quite a winter!

## CHILDCARE

We are happy to report that we have a new childcare provider. Her name is Emily Rose and she is quite enthusiastic and seems to be doing a great job with the little ones. We will not provide childcare on Solo days. We will provide a nursery where you can bring your restless children if needed on those days.

## STRING SHOPPE

**Cello, 1/2 size**, excellent condition, price:300\$ Call Jeehee Kim at 509-334-0324(H) or 509-432-9434(C)

**1/2 size K Becker violin** including shoulder rest, good condition. Price \$220. Please, call Hoa at 509-432-5227

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

**1/2 size Cello**, Bow and Soft Case. \$350. Please contact Wendy at 882- 6296.

**Very nice 3/4 violin**, bow, chinrest and case. \$500. Please contact Wendy at 882-6296

**Did you notice anything strange about the newsletter?**

**We have hidden the names of five composers in this newsletter! If you can find and circle them, bring the newsletter to your teacher to claim a prize. Good luck!**

