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Boulder Suzuki Strings News

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“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

-Thomas A. Edison

Dear Boulder Suzuki Strings Families,

We are looking ahead to summer and next year. It is hard to believe the school year is almost over. The BSS seniors, one of our largest ever, graduated this weekend or will over the next week. They are off to new adventures in college and our younger students to summer camps and adventures all over Boulder and the country. Best of luck to the graduates. Come back and visit.

I want to congratulate all of the BSS students on a wonderful weekend of music making at the annual Spring Workshop in April and at solo recitals in May

This mini newsletter is full of important information for the upcoming 2013/2014 school year. Please add the dates for groups, recitals and workshops – all so important to get on your calendar now!

There are still many summer music opportunities to investigate and attend – to inspire you and your child. Check out the performances where our students perform.

The deadline for the Peaks to Plains Suzuki Institute is rapidly approaching. Please go to their website for all the details and an application. www.ppsicolorado.com. We are so lucky to have a Suzuki institute with high quality teaching for students at every level.

Enjoy the summer vacation as it always goes by so quickly. See you all in the fall.

Sincerely,

Amy Gesmer-Packman

Director, Boulder Suzuki Strings

To reserve your spot for fall, please remember forms and \$50.00 deposits are due on Friday, May 31st. Please return them if you haven't already.

Boulder Suzuki Strings Concert Attire Clothing Swap

What: Swap/Exchange BSS concert attire and t-shirts

When: Friday, September 20, 2013

4:00 pm-4:30 pm Drop off items

4:30 pm-6:30 pm Swap/Exchange

Where: The drop off and swap will take place just outside the front doors of Mountain View United Methodist Church, weather permitting, or it will be held inside the front foyer entrance.

Bring your gently used and outgrown BSS concert attire including black pants, black skirts, white shirts, black shoes, and BSS t-shirts. This is a great opportunity to pass along outgrown clothing and find gently used “new” items. Pay it forward! Any questions, please contact Stacie Schaefer (303) 827-6292.

Colorado Music Festival’s Young People’s Concert

Click on the link below to sign up for this fun concert. The concert will be on Saturday, June 29th at Chautauqua Park. Students of all levels are welcome. Please arrive by 9:10 am, allow plenty of time for parking, and meet at the drinking fountain on the lawn.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cZ_UB9LYgbyDpamX-ZE1PuITIXwnvHsMLzQOmyZiXbk/viewform

Peaks to Plains Summer Institute

It’s not too late to register for the Peaks to Plains Suzuki Institute. Go to their website for more information and an application.

<http://www.ppsicolorado.com/>

Scholarships

Scholarship applications are available for the 2013/2014 school year. Completed applications are due no later than June 29th. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for scholarship money. Please apply today. Forms are available from your teacher or email info@bouldersuzukistrings.org.

2013/2014 Important Dates

Please add the following dates to your calendars for the 2013/2014 school year. Times for group classes are 4:15 pm – 6:15 pm.

Fall Semester 2013

- Friday, September 6th – Group and Parent Meeting (details coming soon)
- Friday, September 20th – Group
- Friday, October 4th – Group
- Friday, October 25th - Group
- Saturday, October 26th – Halloween Concerts – Location and time TBA
- Friday, November 1st – Solo Recital Run-throughs
- Friday and Saturday, November 15th and 16th – Solo Recitals
- Friday, December 6th – Group
- Saturday, December 7th – Holiday Concerts – Location and time TBA
- Friday, December 13th – Group/Dinner/Ensemble Concert
- Saturday, December 14th – Holiday Concerts – Location and time TBA

Spring Semester 2014

- Friday, January 10th – Group
- Friday, January 31st – Group
- Friday, February 21st – Group
- Friday, March 7th – Group
- Friday, March 14th – Group followed immediately by Tour Group Concert in the Sanctuary. Plan to stay for this exciting performance by the 2014 BSS Tour Group before we depart the following week.
- Friday, March 21st – Monday, March 31st – Tour to Costa Rica
- Friday, April 4th – Group
- Saturday, April 5th – Rehearse Senior Solos at BVCC
- Friday and Saturday, April 11th and 12th – Spring Workshop at BVCC
- Friday, April 25th – Solo Recital Run-throughs
- Friday and Saturday, May 2nd and 3rd – Solo Recitals

[View these dates on our Google Calendar:](https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=bouldersuzukistrings%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Denver)

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Dear Students and Families of Boulder Suzuki Strings,

I am saddened to announce my leaving from Boulder Suzuki Strings. My family and I are moving back to the West coast to be closer to family.

I have enjoyed my short time with BSS and in Colorado. I have met warm, welcoming families and worked alongside fabulous and caring teachers. This is truly a special program! I feel honored to have been a part of it. I've learned as much from you and BSS as I hope you have learned from me. Thank you.

Sarah Hart

Boulder Suzuki Strings Opportunity:

Boulder Suzuki Strings is sending a DVD audition tape in to the Suzuki Association of the America's National Conference. On this tape will be highlights from Mr. Starr's classes. If we are accepted we will be going to Minneapolis in May of 2014 over Memorial Day weekend to perform for a very large audience.

The eligible students will be those that have been in Mr. Starr's groups in 2012-2013. This would be a huge honor if we were chosen.

More details to come.

BSS World Peace Fiddlers perform for CSF Saturday, June 22nd

The BSS World Peace Fiddlers will be performing Saturday, June 22nd, for the Colorado Shakespeare Festival's GREENSHOW! ANY fiddler who has been part of Emily Bowman's fiddle group at ANY time is welcome to perform! The performance is from 6:45-7:30 before the 8pm performance of Midsummer's Night Dream. The performance will be in front of the Hellem Building at CU. PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP BY JUNE 1ST!! Happy fiddling!!
-Emily

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JlCpsCjLiWhQgSL1rrn4mo6GHwS0M1vtNYYxH1cE64M/viewform>

Coming this fall – Suzuki Early Childhood Education Classes!

Geared towards birth to age 4! Music education that is built to develop skill sets including creativity, listening, attention span, fine and gross motor skills, language skills and MORE! Start spreading the word to parents of young children. More info on our website soon!