

Boulder Suzuki Strings News

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“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.”

~Confucius

Dear Boulder Suzuki Strings Families,

It has been quite a fall for all of us in Boulder County and beyond. All of us have been affected by the recent floods, some much more than others. We are reminded of the devastation each time we enter Mountain View Church. I want to thank all the students and their parents who performed in early October at the Flood Relief Concert held at Mountain View. You helped raise more than \$4,600.00 for flood relief. The power of music is healing.

I want to thank everyone for being very patient with all the changes that we make at each group due to the clean up and renovations at Mountain View. It has been a challenge for the BSS faculty to find available rooms for classes and confusing for you.

The faculty is looking forward to the ninth annual ensemble concert on Friday, December 13th, immediately following group. This is the culmination of work from the fall semester. We have decided not to have the potluck prior to the concert due to the uncertainty of Barker Hall being ready for use. The potluck will return next year! We will have a modified group schedule, (see page 4) and the concert will begin in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited! Fantastic music will be served!

Congratulations to all on a fantastic weekend of solo recitals. It is so inspiring to hear all of you perform from the very beginners to the most advanced.

Please take the time to read the newsletter. Important dates and updates for you.

Have a lovely Thanksgiving holiday. See you in December.

Amy

“Be kind. Always if you have a choice, be kind.”

-Anne Rice

BSS Remaining Dates

- Friday, December 6th – Group
- Saturday, December 7th – Holiday Concerts
- Friday, December 13th – Group/Ensemble Concert
- Saturday, December 14th – Holiday Concerts
- Sunday, December 15th – Holiday Concert
- 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
- 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

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

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Don't forget to sign up for Holiday Concerts*

Saturday, December 7th

- **10:30 a.m., Mesa Vista**, 20th and Alpine (on Mesa Drive) This concert is best for Emily's FIDDLE class and older students – violin, viola and cello welcome (No Pre-Twinklers please). Arrive by 10:15 a.m.
- **11:30 a.m., Flatiron Crossing Mall**, Nordstrom Court (lower level, inside mall doors to Nordstrom) this concert is great for any level violinist or violist. Pre-twinklers are welcome. Cellos - Book 3 and up only please. Arrive by 11:15 a.m.
- **4:00 p.m., Golden West Senior Residence**, 1055 Adams Circle (Main Dining Room) Pre-Twinklers and all violinists and cellists are welcome. Any level violinists as well. Arrive by 3:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 14th

- **3 p.m., The Meridian**, 801 Gillaspie. This concert has limited space, so violins only please. Book 3 and above preferred. No Pre-Twinklers. Harmony is welcome. Arrive by 2:45 p.m.

Sunday, December 15th

- **1:30 p.m., Barnes and Noble**, 30th and Pearl. Meet at the back of the store. No Pre-Twinklers, but all other levels and instruments (violin, viola and cello) are welcome. Arrive by 1:15 p.m.

*For more information and to sign up, please click on this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RNj6j9tGkrr1kKzPdZPYIXe0LASIXo3ImniHO_eoCf8/viewform

Upcoming Community Concerts

- The Boulder Symphony is offering free tickets to ALL students K-12. They can be found on the website at www.bouldersymphony.org.
- The Boulder Opera Company is presenting the Magic Flute as a one hour-long performance specifically geared towards children. Tickets can be bought at www.boulderoperacompany.com.
- The Flatirons Community Orchestra will be performing the Nutcracker with the Longmont Dance Theater. Tickets are at <http://longmontdancetheatre.com/>
- December 7th, 7 p.m., Boulder Symphony Concert featuring Mahler at First United Methodist Church, Boulder.
- December 8th, 11 a.m., and 2 p.m., Boulder Opera Company performs the Magic Flute at the Broomfield Auditorium.
- December 13th, 10:30 a.m., Boulder Opera Company performs the Magic Flute at the Nomad Theater, Boulder.
- December 15th, 12 p.m., and 3 p.m., Boulder Opera Company performs the Magic Flute at the Nomad Theater, Boulder.
- December 20th, 7 p.m., Longmont Dance Theater presents the Nutcracker
- December 21st, 2 p.m., and 7 p.m., Longmont Dance Theater presents the Nutcracker
- December 22nd, 1 p.m., Longmont Dance Theater presents the Nutcracker
- January 17th, 7 p.m., Boulder Symphony Chamber Series at First United Methodist Church, Boulder.
- February 15th, 7 p.m., Boulder Symphony Concert featuring the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto at First United Methodist Church, Boulder
- February 21st, 7 p.m., Boulder Symphony Chamber Series at First United Methodist Church, Boulder

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It's time to start thinking about summer. Peaks to Plains Suzuki Institute will be held from July 14-18 this year. Guest faculty includes Allen Lieb (violin), Reagan Brasch (violin), Helen Higa (violin), Everett Goodwin (violin), Leo Kitajima (violin), Gabe Bolkosky (violin), Sue On (violin and enrichment), Blake Brasch (cello), and Jane Kutscher-Reed (Piano).

Please Help!

BSS is in *desperate* need of a parent or two to take over the Silent Auction at our Annual Spring Workshop in April. If you are interested, please contact Amy at amyges@bouldersuzukistrings.org. The coordinator from the past few years will be happy to assist you in planning the 2014 silent auction. Planning needs to begin NOW!

This is our only fundraising event of the year. Please help support Boulder Suzuki Strings.

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 11th and Saturday, April 12th. We will have classes with guest teachers on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. Guest faculty includes:

- William Starr
- Everett Goodwin
- Veronica Pigeon
- Jeremy Dittus
- Jessie Berg
- Enion Pelta-Tiller

The two-day workshop will culminate in final concerts.

On Friday evening April 11th, we will feature our graduating seniors and other group performances to be announced. Please stay for a reception honoring graduating seniors immediately following the concert.

The Saturday afternoon concert will feature all groups and instruments.

We are happy to announce that Robertson and Sons Violins from Albuquerque, New Mexico will again be joining us for all of your instrument needs.

Fall Tuition:

The semester is almost over! Final payments are due no later than Dec. 1st. If you have questions regarding your bill, please contact Stacey at alpbrady@yahoo.com.

Spring semester bills will be coming in early January.

Thank you!

December 13th Group Schedule Changes and Concert:

Group on December 13th will have a modified schedule in order to accommodate our annual ensemble concert. Regular group classes will run from 4:15 - 5:00 p.m., and from 5 - 5:45 p.m. The Forte Pre-Twinkle class will meet at its usual time of 3:45 p.m. The Piano Twinkle class will join them at 4:15 p.m. The Forte class will be dismissed around 4:30 p.m. The Piano class will be done a little before 5 p.m. The Divertimento class (Jessie's book 3) will begin promptly at 5 p.m.

The concert will begin at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Invite friends and family to hear these amazing groups.