

# Boulder Suzuki Strings News

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“This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before.

*~Leonard Bernstein*

## Dear Boulder Suzuki Strings Families,

Congratulations to all the students on a lovely weekend of solo recitals. The weather cooperated and the students were well prepared. As I sat listening to the students perform on violin, viola and cello, students of all different ages and levels, it got me thinking about how much the students are learning beyond just how to play their instrument.

The students are learning to focus and concentrate which can be applied throughout their lives. Their ability to speak and play in public is a vital skill for success in many fields. The combination of learning and sharing in a concert setting leads to a well-grounded confidence that leads to broad success in life. Even our youngest students start to gain these lifelong skills by first learning how to stand still.

Music is a discipline that requires work on a daily basis just like learning a language but the benefits are great. Remember this on those days when practice might be a bit more challenging and find joy in all the things your children are learning and rejoice in the sound of their music.

Please take a moment to read through this newsletter. There are many important items inside. Don't miss the information and sign up links for our very popular holiday concerts as well as the Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> group, potluck and chamber ensemble concert.

Look for a sneak preview of upcoming events in 2016!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. See you in December.

Sincerely,

Amy Gesmer-Packman

Director

“The drama of silence between notes is important.”

*-Itzhak Perlman*

## BSS Remaining Dates

- Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – Group and BSS Family Social Night/Costa Rican Dinner Tour Group Fundraiser (see p. 4 for details)
- Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Concerts
- Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Group/Dinner/Ensemble Concert
- Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Concerts
- Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Concert at Barnes and Noble, Book fair/fundraiser for BSS
- Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Group
- Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Group
- Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – Group
- Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Group + Costa Rica Tour Group concert immediately following group
- Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Group
- Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Group
- Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Senior Solo Rehearsal – only for graduating seniors and the advanced students playing in their orchestras – place and time TBD
- Friday and Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – Spring Workshop
- Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Solo Recital Run-Throughs
- Friday and Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> – Solo Recitals

## Don't forget to sign up for Holiday Concerts\*

### Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

- **4:30 p.m. Golden West Senior Residence**, 1055 Adams Circle, Boulder. Don't park in lots associated with the apartment complexes. Street parking is best. All instruments, please no pre-twinklers. Arrive by 4:15 p.m.

### Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

- **11:30 a.m. Flatiron Crossing Mall**, Nordstrom Court, lower level. All instruments including pre-twinklers. Arrive at 11:10 a.m. Allow time to park
- **3:30 p.m. Brookdale**, 3375 34<sup>th</sup> St. (corner at Iris). All instruments, pre-twinklers welcome! A special invitation to the 2016 Tour Group! We will perform some tour pieces. Arrive by 3:15 p.m.

### Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

- **1 p.m. Barnes and Noble**, 2999 Pearl. Fundraiser for Boulder Suzuki Strings! All instruments, please no pre-twinklers. Meet at 12:45 p.m. Allow time to park.

\*For more information and to sign up, please click on this link:  
<http://goo.gl/forms/DkWGha73Lt>

## Painted Violin Project

Do you have a broken or unplayable violin gathering dust around your house? Would you like to put it to good use as part of our annual BSS Painted Violin Project? Simply donate your violin to BSS and one of our resident artists will transform it into a work of art which will be auctioned off at our Spring Workshop. All proceeds will benefit BSS. We are looking for volunteers to use their creative talents to paint these violins. If you can help out in either way, please contact Karen Pring at [Karen@Pringphotography.com](mailto:Karen@Pringphotography.com) or 303-494-4723.

## Upcoming Community Concerts

- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, Denver, Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado presents “Mystery and Joy” Including Christmas concerti by Corelli and Vivaldi and two solo cantatas from Telemann’s Harmoische Gottesdienst, featuring guest artist Martin Near. BSS faculty Stacey Brady and Emily Bowman will be performing. More information at [www.bcocolorado.org](http://www.bcocolorado.org)
- Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m., Greater Boulder Youth Orchestra, Macky Auditorium with guest Symphony conductor Zachary Carrettin.
- Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., Front Range Youth Symphony Winter Concert, the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities.  
[www.arvadacenter.org/education/youth-symphony](http://www.arvadacenter.org/education/youth-symphony)
- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, Denver, Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado collaborates with St. Martin’s Chamber Choir. For details, visit [www.bcocolrado.org](http://www.bcocolrado.org) or [www.stmartinchamberchoir.org](http://www.stmartinchamberchoir.org)

Highlights from a beautiful day for Halloween performances by our BSS costumed performers at the Munchkin Masquerade on the Pearl Street Mall and the Meridian Retirement Home.



### Parents as Partners Online

Back by popular demand, the SAA Parents as Partners Online series will return in January 2016. This web-based program for Suzuki parents will offer weekly videos on practice tips, listening ideas, nurturing parent-child relationships, review routines, encouraging independence, motivating teens, the importance of the Suzuki philosophy, and much more! All talks are 5-10 minutes in length, and available online 24-7. Whether you are new to Suzuki or a veteran parent, you will find this extra dose of Suzuki education quite valuable. Check with your BSS teacher on how to enroll or visit [www.suzukiassociation.org](http://www.suzukiassociation.org). Registration opens in mid-December, with talks airing late January through June.

## Spring Workshop and Final Celebration Preview:

Spring Workshop and Final Celebration Concerts will be held on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have classes with guest teachers on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. Guest faculty includes:

- William Starr
- Everett Goodwin
- Kathleen Spring
- Katie Couch
- Carol Tarr
- Adam Riggs

Stay tuned for more details next semester.

## December 4<sup>th</sup>, BSS Family Social Night and Tour Group

Come spend some time with other BSS Families on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> immediately following group in Barker Hall. The Tour Group will be providing a traditional Costa Rican meal of Gallo Pinto (rice and beans) plus salad, salsa and fruit. Donations are welcome. Please RSVP to Cyndi Dumont ([Cynthia.Dumont@UCDenver.edu](mailto:Cynthia.Dumont@UCDenver.edu)) by Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> to let us know you'll be there. All are welcome.

## BSS Billing:

Dear Families, Final fall payments are due on December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you still have a balance due, please get that payment in ASAP. Spring statements will be mailed by the beginning of January. If you ever have questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact Stacey at [alpbrady@yahoo.com](mailto:alpbrady@yahoo.com).

## December 11<sup>th</sup> Group Schedule Changes and Concert:

Group on December 11<sup>th</sup> will have a modified schedule in order to accommodate our annual ensemble concert. Regular group classes will run from 4:15 – 4:55 p.m., and from 5 - 5:40 p.m. Pre-twinkle classes will meet as usual. Potluck at 5:30 in Barker Hall. See page 5 for all the exact details.

### Room Changes:

4:15

Kathleen's orchestra – go to the Sanctuary

Mr. Starr's Group – Room 108

Mei-Mey's Orchestra – Room 109

5:00 (\*\*\*) time change)

Psyche, Heather, Emily, Flori and Christie's

Groups – View Room for a holiday play-in

Stacey and Amy's Group and Tour -

Sanctuary

The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Be sure to invite friends and family to hear these amazing groups.

## Friday, December 11th, 2015 Potluck and Group Concert

Everyone is invited to a fun-filled highlight of the Fall Semester. We hope you will be able to join us after group for a potluck dinner and this special concert. These students have been working since September to perfect their musicality in orchestra, fiddle and supplemental music. Please stay to support them and hear great music. All group classes will meet as usual. There are slight changes: **Classes will be 40 minutes instead of an hour** so we can start the concert at 6:30. Class times are 4:15 to 4:55 and 5:00 to 5:40. Pre-Twinkle class will still meet at 3:45. If you only have a 5:15 class, that class on the 11th will begin at 5:00pm.

**5:30pm – The Potluck in Barker Hall** – This is where we need your help. Please read carefully to know what to bring to share. We are feeding many hungry students and families – **Please, each family bring a main dish to feed a family of 6 and a side dish to feed 8 to 10 people.** The program will provide plates, napkins, utensils and drinks.

**6:15 Clean up and Concert at 6:30** – The most important part, of course, is the socializing and then enjoying our students' performances. Since the timing of dinner and the concert is so tight, we will need the cooperation of all families, parents, students and siblings. We want to make sure all the student performers get fed. They will be first in line – then everyone else. At 6:15 the performers will leave to change, tune and get ready to play. We are requesting that ALL the parents remain in Barker Hall at this time to help with clean up, as this must be done quickly and efficiently. The concert will begin as soon as Barker Hall is clean! **Please label your bowls, plates, utensils, etc. and remember to collect them before the concert begins.**

### Clean up requests:

Mr. Starr's and Stacey's 4:15pm Group and Emily's Fiddle: Wipe down tables and put them away.

Mei-Mey's 4:15 orchestra: Put chairs away.

Advanced cello group: Sweep floors.

Christie's 4:15 group and Stacey and Amy's 5:15 group: Collect garbage and take it outside to the dumpster near the playground.

All other families: Please pitch in and help wherever needed — wipe down tables, sweep floors, put away tables and chairs, collect garbage, take garbage outside to the dumpster.

## 4/4 Violin Cases! Fundraiser!

The 2016 Costa Rica tour group is sponsoring a fundraiser by selling 4/4 Core fiberglass violin cases for the holidays!

These cases are great for traveling with your instrument or just easing the weight of carrying that violin back and forth to lessons and group classes. They come in lovely colors and are a great item to individualize with stickers!

Please consider supporting the tour group performers and place your order at the table in the main lobby of the group church during solo recitals, through a tour student, through your private lessons teacher, or by contacting Kate or Stacey (see contact info below).

We are collecting orders and checks before the **Dec. 4th deadline**.

Cases will be distributed on Dec. 11th at the church during group violin or as soon as they are received.

Please make checks to **BSS Tour Group for the amount of \$195.00**. This price includes tax and shipping costs!



Please provide your name, phone number and color choices on the order form at the table - or make sure we have that info via email. Please let us know your *first and second color choice*. We will do our best to secure your first color option!

Thank you for your support of the Costa Rica tour group!

Questions? email Kate Inskeep at [kate@kateinskeepceramics.com](mailto:kate@kateinskeepceramics.com) or Stacey Brady at [alpbrady@yahoo.com](mailto:alpbrady@yahoo.com)

4/4 Core Shaped Fiberglass 430F Violin Case

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## 4/4 Violin Cases! Fundraiser! (continued)

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- Velcro neck restraint
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- Interior accessory pouch
- Shoulder straps
- Velcro shoulder rest restraint
- 4 metal D-rings for back pack or shoulder strap carrying options
- Comfortable padded handle
- Includes foam shim for  $\frac{3}{4}$  size violin

Weight 5.5 lbs

Available in nine colors! Orange, black, pink, yellow, purple, red, blue, silver and white

## Clothing Swap

Clothing swap will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> during group. Stay tuned for more details.