

Boulder Suzuki Strings News

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“Great works are performed not by strength but
by perseverance.”

-Samuel Johnson

Welcome to Boulder Suzuki Strings 2014-2015

The faculty and I want to welcome the new families to Boulder Suzuki Strings and, of course, a big hello to all the returning students and their parents.

We want this musical journey to be successful and enjoyable for all. We have been busy working during the summer planning the year for the students.

We are always striving to help you and your child as you study violin, viola or cello for what we hope will be many years beyond high school.

The first group is Friday, September 12th.

We look forward to a wonderful year. See you all at group on Friday, September 12th.

Sincerely,

Amy Gesmer-Packman

Director

Minneapolis Concert:

The video of the BSS performance in Minneapolis last spring is available for you to enjoy. It can also be purchased through the SAA for \$8.00. Click on the link below to view and/or purchase:

<http://suzukiassociation.org/media/boulder-suzuki-strings-conference-2014/>

BSS Tour 2016

We have been invited to tour Argentina during spring break, 2016. This is a huge undertaking. We must start planning now. We need parent volunteers to help with this. The teachers can't do this alone. The tour will be open to students 8th grade and above who are in advanced groups. Please contact Amy to volunteer. Plans are to return to Costa Rica in 2018.

The Cavani Quartet partners with BSS

As quartet-in-residence at the renowned Cleveland Institute of Music since 1988, and winner of numerous accolades, including the prestigious Naumburg Award, the Cavani Quartet has been described by the Washington Post as “completely engrossing, powerful and elegant.” Hailed as dynamic and inspirational teachers as well as performers, the Cavani String Quartet succeeds like few others in communicating the sheer joy of music making.

BSS is so fortunate to have the opportunity to work with this acclaimed quartet on the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 17th. It has been 10 years since they were last in Boulder and we worked with them. Those students are graduated now but still remember the energetic and inspiring time with them. Plan now to spend the afternoon with them and us. You won't believe the fun times and educational experience. You will receive the schedule for this special day from your private teacher.



Opportunity for young children

Boulder Suzuki Strings is proud to continue its sponsorship of Prelude Music Class! Prelude is a Suzuki Early Childhood Education group class for children and their parent/caregiver from birth through age 3½. These “Suzuki baby” classes are offered in Boulder and in Broomfield. The class is different from franchised music classes such as Kindermusic and Music Together as the class has a curriculum that evolves with the child as he/she gets older and masters skills. Also, it is ongoing, having a goal of the child staying in the class until he/she graduates near the age of 4. Two of our BSS faculty members, Flori Muller and Stacey Brady, co-teach the classes which create an environment for children to develop basic preschool and musical skills as well as hone in on Suzuki philosophical and educational goals. These classes serve as a foundation and an easy transition into starting an instrument such as the violin, viola or cello. Please pass the word along to families with young children. You can find a link on the BSS website or visit PreludeMusicClass.com.

2014/2015 Important Dates

Please add the following dates to your calendars for the 2014/2015 school year. Times for group classes are 4:15 pm – 6:15 pm. Pre-Twinkle classes start at 3:45 pm. Group classes are held at Mountain View United Methodist Church – 355 Ponca Place, Boulder, CO 80303

Fall Semester 2014

- Friday, September 12th – Group
- Friday, September 26th – Group
- Friday, October 17th – Group featuring The Cavani Quartet
- Friday, October 24th - Group
- Saturday, October 25th – Halloween Concerts – Location and time TBA
- Friday, November 7th – Solo Recital Run-throughs
- Friday and Saturday, November 14th and 15th – Solo Recitals
- Friday, December 5th – Group
- Saturday, December 6th – Holiday Concerts – Location and time TBA
- Friday, December 12th – Group/Dinner/Ensemble Concert
- Saturday, December 13th – Holiday Concerts – Location and time TBA
- Sunday, December 14th – Holiday Concert at Barnes and Noble, Book fair/fundraiser for BSS

Spring Semester 2015

- Friday, January 9th – Group
- Friday, January 23rd – Group
- Friday, February 6th – Group
- Friday, February 20th – Group
- Friday, March 6th – Group
- Friday, March 13th – Group
- Saturday, April 4th – Senior Solo Rehearsal at BVCC, time TBA
- Friday and Saturday, April 10th and 11th – Spring Workshop at Boulder Valley Christian Church – 7100 South Boulder Road, Boulder, CO 80303
- Friday, May 1st – Solo Recital Run-throughs
- Friday and Saturday, May 8th and 9th – Solo Recitals

[View these dates on our Google Calendar:](#)
[BSS Calendar](#)

A note from our hosts:

Mountain View requests that there be no unattended children in any room or on the playground at any time. They also request that BSS families use only those rooms where group classes are held and not play with church toys. Please be respectful of the church and keep your children with you. Also, please no food or drink other than water.

Nothing can compare to the live concert experience! Below is a list of area concerts including Boulder Suzuki teachers and students:

- Friday, Sept. 5th, Sphere Ensemble at eTown Hall in Downtown Boulder, 7 p. m.
- Sept. 14th, 7 p. m., Boulder Philharmonic, Macky Auditorium, 7 p. m.
www.BoulderPhil.org
- Sept. 19th-21st, Boulder Chamber Orchestra, Boulder, Broomfield Denver.
www.boulderchamberorchestra.org.
- Sept. 19th, Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado, Regis University, 7:30 p. m.
www.bcocolorado.org.
- Sept. 26th – Oct. 5th, Colorado Ballet, Midsummer Night's Dream.
www.coloradoballet.org.
- Sunday, Oct. 12th, BCOC Out of Bounds! (with Emily and Stacey), Denver (check website for time and location details)
bcocolorado.org.
- Oct. 24th, Sphere Ensemble, Broomfield Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.
- Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st, Seicento Baroque Ensemble performs Dies irae in Denver and Boulder, more info at
www.seicentobaroque.org.
- Nov. 2nd, Greater Boulder Youth Orchestras featuring Lina Bahn, First United Methodist Church, Boulder, 4 p. m.
www.greaterboulderyo.org.

Halloween and Holiday Concerts

Sign ups for concerts will be on-line. Please look for information as we get closer to the concert dates. Arrival for all concerts is 15 minutes before the concert is scheduled to begin.

- Saturday, October 25th, The Meridian, 801 Gillaspie, Boulder, 3 p. m. performance time. Wear costumes.
- Saturday, Oct. 25th, Pearl Street Mall concert (weather permitting) details to be announced. Wear costumes.
- Saturday, Dec. 13th, Golden West Senior Residence, 1055 Adams Circle, Boulder, 4 p. m.
- Saturday, December 13th, The Meridian, 801 Gillaspie, Boulder, 3 p. m.
- Sunday, December 14th, Barnes and Noble, 2999 Pearl St., Afternoon Book Fair – fundraiser – details will be announced!

Gained a little height over the summer?

Never fear, BSS Clothing Swap is Here!!



Please save your children's gently used black and whites (shoes and belts too!) and bring them to the BSS group lesson on September 26th for a clothing swap. Don't be shy about shopping, even if you don't have anything to trade. All clothing items are FREE and anything left over will be donated to the Salvation Army. Look for the clothing swap table in the lobby of Mountain View Church from 4-6pm. Thanks for recycling!!

Billing Information:

You should have received a bill for Fall Semester. Please contact Stacey at alpbrady@yahoo.com if you have questions about your statement, or if you have not received a bill.

Spring Fundraiser Volunteers

Many of you asked about the Silent Auction last year. We would love to have it back. If you are interested in helping with the Spring Workshop fundraiser, please contact Amy. We would be so grateful for your help. Money raised at the fundraiser funds scholarships, teacher training and supplemental instruction like the Cavani Quartet master classes.

December 12th Group, Potluck and Concert

Our annual holiday potluck and concert is back! Schedule for the afternoon of December 12th is:

3:45-4:15 Pre-Twinkle Class

4:15-5:00 Class

5:00-5:45 Class

5:30-6:15 Potluck in Barker Hall – details to be announced

6:15 – clean up Barker Hall and students get ready for the concert

6:30 – Concert!

Prelude Music is excited to announce:

We are hosting the two master teachers of Suzuki Early Childhood Education, Dorothy Jones and Sharon Jones, October 18-22 for teacher training. In 1985, Dr. Suzuki asked Dorothy to create the curriculum for the SECE classes for birth to 4 years old. She has been teaching the classes and training teachers to teach the classes for over 20 years. Teachers are coming from all over the USA to attend this training!

The teacher training incorporates a live class each day and we would love to have your children (birth – 4) in the daily training class! This is an extraordinary opportunity to see these two pedagogues in action with your children!!

All the live classes will be FREE for you and your child and will be held each day from 10-11 at our Boulder location (Boulder Valley Church of Christ). Please contact Flori and Stacey ASAP at info@preludemusicclass.com and let us know which day(s) you can attend. We are happy to have you at any class you can attend (so come to one, come to three... Come to all!!!)

Visit our New and Improved
website!
www.bouldersuzukistrings.org