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# Boulder Suzuki Strings News

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

~Confucius

## Welcome to Boulder Suzuki Strings 2015-2016

Dear Boulder Suzuki Strings Families,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year. Welcome to the new families and welcome back to the returning students and parents.

We had a busy summer performing through the Boulder/Denver area. In June, the students played at the pre-concert for the Colorado Music Festival's Young People's concert. This is a summer favorite on the lawn outside the Chautauqua auditorium where we have a wonderful audience, lion guest conductors and visits by swans and other animals!

The BSS World Peace Fiddlers and alumni performed before a Shakespeare performance on the CU campus.

Nothing could top the fun we had at the Rockies game in June performing the Star Spangled Banner before the game began. The kids were great despite the rain delay and time spent in the basement of Coors Field.

The BSS faculty have been busy this summer planning the year's events. We want this musical journey to be enjoyable and successful. We strive to help you and your child as you study violin, viola or cello for what we hope will be a life long love of music.

We look forward to a great year. See you at the first group on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Amy Gesmer-Packman

Director

## Tour Update

The rehearsals for the Tour Group 2016 to Costa Rica are underway. The students have been meeting weekly since late August with Stacey and Amy. We have a group of 16 performers going on the tour – 12 violinists, 3 cellists and a pianist, all between 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The music ranges from classical to fiddle to Americana to Latin American inspired. The students will be learning the music and then memorizing the music that will be performed, as we will not be taking any music or music stands with us! We are having a great time getting to know each other during the weekly rehearsals. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Tour 2016 concert – Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 immediately following group in the sanctuary at Mountain View.

### Please note:

Tour concert date has changed since our end of year newsletter was published in May. The correct date is Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Help Requested

We are looking for Spring Workshop space. Do you have a connection or an idea?

### Requirements:

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> we would need the use of a big performance space from 2:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. or so. Also that day we would need a larger size classroom for about 90 minutes (ideally with a piano) and a room for a reception after the concert.

Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, we would need 5 larger classrooms (preferably with pianos) plus the performance space from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. If space allows: we would like the use of 2 additional large areas, one space for the silent auction and one space for Robertson and Sons. We would also like to be able to use the performance space for rehearsals on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> for about 2 or 3 hours.

If you know of any place that might be able to accommodate us, please contact Amy: [amyges@bouldersuzukistrings.org](mailto:amyges@bouldersuzukistrings.org). Thank you!

## Fall Fiddle Jam!

Boulder Suzuki World Peace Fiddlers (and alumni) will perform for the BOULDER MOUNTAIN HANDMADE benefit for the Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District Saturday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 11:00 – 11:45am (arrive by 10:45 to tune and check in)

Watershed School, 1661 Alpine Avenue in Boulder

Wear your Boulder Suzuki Strings T's, dark pants or skirt and a fun hat.

Anyone who has ever been in Emily's fiddle group is welcome and encouraged to join! The set list will be created from performer requests. Alumni welcome !! Please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up by 10/10: <http://goo.gl/forms/FizBTHSjng>

More information about the event: <http://www.bouldermountainhandmade.com/>

Happy music making!

## 2015 - 2016 Important Dates

Please add the following dates to your calendars for the 2015 - 2016 school year. Times for group classes are 4:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Pre-Twinkle classes start at 3:45 p.m. Group classes are held at Mountain View United Methodist Church – 355 Ponca Place, Boulder, CO 80303

### Fall Semester 2015

- Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Group
- Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – Group
- Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Group
- Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Group
- Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Concerts – Location and time TBA
- Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Solo Recital Run-throughs
- Friday and Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> – Solo Recitals
- Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – Group
- Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Concerts – Location and time TBA
- Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Group/Dinner/Ensemble Concert
- Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Concerts – Location and time TBA
- Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Concerts – Location and time TBA

### Spring Semester 2016

- 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 – 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

**[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 (including adults) 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:

- Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., Boulder Philharmonic Opening Night, Concertmaster, Chas Wetherbee, plays Korine Fujiwara's The Storyteller. The evening culminates with Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2. with Pianist Gabriela Montera.  
[www.boulderphil.org](http://www.boulderphil.org)
- Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m., Sphere Ensemble Season Debut and Album Release, Nomad Theater, 1480 Quince Ave., Boulder.  
[www.sphereensemble.org](http://www.sphereensemble.org)
- Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. and Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m., Baroque Chamber Orchestra Encore! Audience Favorites, Claver Recital Hall at Regis University, 3333 Regis Blvd., Denver and Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m., Wellshire Presbyterian Church, 2999 w. Colorado Blvd., Denver.  
[www.bccolorado.org](http://www.bccolorado.org)
- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m., Greater Boulder Youth Orchestra Autumn Concert, Macky Auditorium with guest Symphony Conductor Dr. Donald McKinney.  
[www.greaterboulderyo.org](http://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. Holiday concerts are being planned now with details coming soon...*

- Saturday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, Barnes and Noble, details to be announced. Wear costumes.
- Saturday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, Pearl Street Mall concert (weather permitting) 2 p.m., near east end of the Mall near Starbucks. We will be part of the Munchkin Masquerade. Students can stay and participate.
- Saturday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, The Meridian 801 Gillaspie, 3 p.m. Wear Costumes.

## Gained a little height over the summer?



Plan ahead!

Please start saving your children's gently used black and whites (shoes and belts too!) for a clothing swap to be held Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, just in time for Spring Workshop. Look for more details this spring!

## Billing Information:

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

*The BSS faculty requests no phones, emails, texts and video games during group classes, recitals and concerts. Let's focus on the learning at hand, being present in the moment during this hour.*

## December 11<sup>th</sup> Group, Potluck and Concert

Our annual holiday potluck and concert is back! Schedule for the afternoon of December 11<sup>th</sup> 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!