TESSI Newsletter

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Quick Calendar

RECITAL

Sunday, Dec. 2nd

Carbondale Civic Center Room 108 12:30 pm - Wiggles N' Tunes 1:30 pm - all instruments

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due **12/15** – Payment 5/11 \$10 late fee after 12/22

WINTER BREAK

Dec 23rd - Jan 6th

Check with your teacher(s) for specific information about their scheduling plans for the Winter break.

Classes resume January 7th.

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due **1/15** – Payment 6/11 \$10 late fee after 1/22

RECITAL

Sunday, Feb. 10th

** First Christian Church ** 306 W. Monroe, Carbondale

Pre-Festival recital - there will be 2 recitals - times TBA

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due **2/15** – Payment 7/11 \$10 late fee after 2/22

* NFMC Junior Festival *

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 16th & 17th

SIUC Campus, in Altgeld Hall and OBF Chapel.

Performance schedules TBA

Here Come the Holidays



We hope all of you had a nice Thanksgiving break, and survived any Black Friday shopping adventures you may have gone on. The new year is rapidly approaching, and so we'll be wrapping things up for the Winter break before long.

We still have one last recital for 2012, after which many students will need to focus seriously on preparing for recitals and Junior Festival in February, and/or AIM Exams in March. There is plenty to keep everyone going, so we hope there will be some music-making happening at home over the holidays. Besides, who better to perform for than your friends and family, right kids?

Aside from the usual reminders here about dates and such, there is a good bit of reporting on musical happenings, and the addition of <u>Sunday Pre-K classes</u>, so be sure to take a look at the flipside!

~ We wish all of you a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

Miscellaneous

For all students doing the Jr. Festival in February: Festival Fees are due to your teacher and payable to your teacher immediately. Please check with your teacher for amount due.

No photocopies allowed - original music must be purchased.

Recital Dates

Upcoming recitals are scheduled on

December 2nd, February 10th, April 21st and June 2nd.

Please note that the February recitals will be held at the First Christian Church, 306 W. Monroe St. in Carbondale.

Be sure to mark your 2013 calendars!

Other Important Dates

Junior Festival: February 16th and 17th, 2013 at SIUC campus, in Altgeld Hall & OBF Chapel.

AIM Exams: March 23rd, 2013 at SIUC - Altgeld Hall and OBF

Gold Cup Recital: May 5th, 2013 at SIUC - OBF Chapel; for students receiving Gold Cups in 2013.

Apparel, Tote Bags and Coffee Mugs for Sale

Extra t-shirts (jade), hoodies (gray), tote bags and coffee mugs are for sale. Great holiday gifts - see Teacher Alyce for available sizes.



Congratulations!

Sophia Aaflaq:

Suzuki Piano Bk. 1 Graduate

Aron Taylor:

Suzuki Guitar Bk. 1 Graduate

* New In 2013 *

Sunday Pre-K Classes!





8-months - 4 years

Open spots available See Teacher Alyce

Receive a \$10 tuition credit for any/every student that enrolls in either program because of your referral. Thanks for spreading the word!

Send Us Your News !!

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Violin Book Graduations!

The 1st TESSI 'Heart Strings' Graduation Recital for violin students of Ken Wollberg was held on Saturday November 10, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Church. Peter Aaflaq and Keyan Rahimi graduated from Book 1. Lorenzo Riley and Ryan Cheng graduated from Books 1 and 2.

To play the Book 1 graduation recital, the candidate must be finished with Book 2. When Book 3 is completed, the student may play a Book 2 graduation recital, and so on. Every 3 or 4 months,



as some students finish a book, there will be a graduation recital.

The graduates receive a certificate and a special button saying, *Suzuki Violin Book (X) Recital* -

(student's name) - (date) - Graduation, and there is a unique Oriental stamp under the text, the translation of which is secret. If a graduate finds out what the stamp says, he or she should let Mr. Ken know, but should keep the secret from any other violin students!

Buttons for each book are different colors (the belt colors of Tae Kwon Do).

Each graduate played solo with the piano accompaniment of Teacher Alyce Ward.

Improvisation Workshop

Mr. Traie Ward *(no relation to Teacher Alyce)* gave a small improvisation workshop for Piano Group 2 *(older, advanced students)* on Tuesday November 13th at TESSI.

AIM Master Class

Anthony Stoecker was selected from a large group of Level 5 and above AIM students for a Master Class at SIU campus on September 22nd.



The Master teacher was Dr. Chung-Ha Kim from Milliken University in Decatur IL.

Dr. Kim started with a short performance of a work by Maurice Ravel, followed by the master class with five area piano students.

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