



Twinkling The Ivories

September 2012

Welcome to the 2012/13 School Year!

Welcome back to another year of Suzuki piano! 2012-13 promises to be another great year for ESPS as we look forward to new events and to the return of some family favourites. Read on for details of some of the events that you can look forward to this autumn.

Annual General Meeting and Parent Talk

Wednesday, September 26, 2012 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Suzuki Charter School (10720 – 54 Street)

Get off to a great start this year by attending our AGM and Parent Talk. Guest Speaker Scott Coleman from Luminescence Counselling will present *"Piano Practice Again? - The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Kids and How to Motivate Yours."*

We also invite you to join the Board of Directors and be a part of this worthy endeavour. The Board meets once a month for one hour. No previous Board experience is required; rather, we are looking for parent representatives who are committed to providing their children a positive musical education and who are interested in helping to shape the future direction of Edmonton Suzuki Piano School. Whether you've been an ESPS member for one year or ten, your perspective is valuable!

For more details about being a board member, please contact Kim Green at 780.488.0548.

Fall Institute

November 3 & 4, 2012
Suzuki Charter School (10720 – 54 Street)

Edmonton Suzuki Piano School is pleased to announce our upcoming annual Fall Institute. This is our largest Suzuki piano event of the year, and it features a unique learning opportunity for your family.

Each year, the Fall Institute offers master classes, parent sessions, and a special enrichment activity. This fall, we welcome guest teachers that include Silvija Abols, Susan Magnusson, and Merlin Thompson. We are also pleased to announce the return of percussion instructor, Zach Smith.

The Institute offers many benefits for your family: children have the opportunity to prepare a piece for a special event; they have a chance to learn from a visiting teacher, and observe other students they might not normally know.

Every family, including those with beginner students, is encouraged to attend. Students can register to participate or just to observe sessions.

Watch for registration information and forms at your teacher's studio near the end of September.

For New ESPS Families: Parent Class

Families who are new to our program or who just need a refresher are asked to attend our **Parent Class on Saturday September 29, 2012, from 9-12** at Suzuki Charter School. The workshop provides information about the Suzuki approach, tips for successful practicing, an introduction to some of the first songs in Book One, and answers any questions that may have come up as you get started as a Suzuki parent.

There is no charge for this class - the cost for this course is included as part of your ESPS registration fee. To register, please contact your teacher.

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Help Wanted: Casino Volunteers— January 27 & 28, 2013

It's a common request of members of a charity: "**Are you available to come and volunteer at our casino?**" Before you answer, you think of the long shift and the late, late night, and how you're going to feel the next day at work. But you do it anyway, because you know just how much it helps out your organization. And you know that once you get there, you'll meet some interesting people and have a little fun, all the while lending an important hand to your organization.

And that's the truth. Every 2 years, ESPS takes its turn to provide volunteer staffing at Casino Argyll. In exchange for 2 long days of hard work by about 50 volunteers, ESPS receives a cheque for about \$70,000. That's a lot of money, and it goes a long way towards subsidizing teacher training, piano equipment and maintenance, facility rentals, and costs for group classes.

But we know it's a big commitment for you. That's why a casino shift counts as your volunteer commitment for two years. Essentially, casino volunteers receive a free pass from volunteering every second year.

The dates for ESPS' next casino are January 27 and 28th, 2013, and we'll be looking for many volunteers to work at a variety of jobs morning, noon and night. If you chose the casino option on your volunteer form at registration time last spring, you'll be contacted shortly about your availability at this casino. Please take the time to consider whether you might be available for this very important event. If you didn't choose the casino option, but would like to help out after all, we'd sure appreciate it.

For more information, please contact Kim at 780.488.0548

Upcoming Events – 2012/13 Calendar

September 26, 2012 *Annual General Meeting, Suzuki Charter School*

September 29, 2012 *Parent Class, Suzuki Charter School*

November 3 & 4, 2012 *Fall Institute, Suzuki Charter School*

November 18, 2012 *Graduation Ceremony, Muttart Hall*

January 20, 2013 *Graduation Ceremony, Muttart Hall*

January 27 & 28, 2013 *Casino, Argyll Road*

February 3/10/24, 2013 *Winter Recitals, Suzuki Charter School*

March 16, 2013 *Spring Festival, Suzuki Charter School*

April 14, 2013 *Graduation Ceremony, Muttart Hall*

May 26, 2013 *Group Concert, Suzuki Charter School*

June 2, 2013 *Graduation, Muttart Hall*

June 9 & 23, 2013 *Summer Recitals, Location TBA*

June 2012 Graduations

Congratulations to the following students for their hard work and well-deserved graduations:

Volume 1

Clara Chen
Abigail Chua
Jayden Dyck
Jethro Flores
Kiana Flores
Rhys Guillaume
Makael Hodge
Isabel Jewell
Carter Kenwell
Judy Li
Ini Oladunni
Asher Thomas
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Silas Truong
Claudia Wang
Braxton Wong
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Alison Schumacher

Volume 5

Peter Filice
Selma Hammad

Volume 6

Bridget Sham