



Twinkling The Ivories

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Add Some Musical FUN to Your Summer!

Summer is just around the corner, and even though lessons take a break, it's important to keep up a music routine.

Consider some of these ideas to keep practicing fun:

- Try learning a piece that isn't part of the Suzuki repertoire. Edmonton Public Library has an enormous catalogue of music in all genres for families to borrow, at no cost!
- Have your child teach a summertime visitor to play a simple tune on the piano.
- Create a summer-time challenge: Set a family goal and commit to doing... something. This will be different for every student, but consider setting a fun longer-term goal that is trackable, measurable, and rewarding.
- Plan to attend one of Edmonton's excellent summer music festivals with your family: Edmonton has a wealth of summertime events, and feature music in every genre and price range. Find one that is interesting for your family.
- Make a list of classical music composers from all of the time periods. Find examples of their music at the library, on iTunes, or even YouTube and choose your favourites
- Host a concert for your family and friends: Create invitations, a program for the concert, get dressed up and serve refreshments afterwards!
- Try composing your own piece. Write it down or memorize to play for your teacher in September.
- For summer-time road trips, take some time to load your electronic devices with some excellent apps (read on for some recommended by our own ESPS teachers).
- Think of your family's favourite song of the summer. Can your child play it on the piano?

Art is not in some far-off place. A work of Art is the expression of a man's whole personality, sensibility and ability.

Shinichi Suzuki

ESPS Annual General Meeting

Ever wondered what role ESPS plays and how it benefits your family? Let us introduce you to ESPS at our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, September 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Suzuki Charter School.

This year, we are seeking volunteers to serve on our Board of Directors. Whether you are a beginner parent with ESPS or have been involved for many years, your perspective is valuable, and we would welcome your participation. Consider getting involved with our organization!

For more information about the AGM, or about joining our Board of Directors, please speak to Administrator Kim Green at 780.488.0548.

June 2016 Graduations

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

Volume 1

Solomia Bodnar
Gianne Cables
Violette Hannah
Elliot Kim
Olivia Lewington
Ellie Morrison
Mark Rico-Lam
Jayla Stecyk
Joylin Xue

Volume 2

Makael Hodge
Jack MacDonald
Ire Oladunni
Victor Phan
Marissa Szalacsi

Volume 3

Wesley Deng
Jethro Flores
Anita Guo
Carter Kenwell
Stefani Lourenco-Reis
Allison Nguyen
Ini Oladunni
Isabelle Suen
Omar Wehbe

Volume 4

Julianna Graham

Volume 5

Charisse Chan
Isaac Chua
Terrance Lam
Hannah Liu
Gabriella Poworoznik
Thaddaeus Truong

Volume 6

Christopher Otto
Alison Schumacher
Claudia Wang

There's An App for That!

This summer, try something new to help with practising! Our teachers continue to discover great apps that just might help kids improve their skills and still have a little fun, too. Plus, these and other apps are a way to encourage practicing even while on the annual summer road trip. Search for these apps for your iPad, mobile phone or other device.

Heather Hindman suggests that you try *Tenuto*, an app available on iTunes that is great for music theory and note reading.

Tim Eckert recently attended the Suzuki Association of the Americas conference and came back to Edmonton with these great suggestions from other teachers:

Metro Gnome: This is a metronome app that features funny sounds.

Staff Wars: This Star Wars-inspired app teaches note-reading.

Note Squish: This highly recommended app helps students with note-reading.

Tally It!: This app is a fun way to keep track of repetitions or other records such as days practiced.

Thank You Excellent ESPS Volunteers!

As we end another harmonious year, we want to thank all of our excellent ESPS parent volunteers. Events like our 40th Anniversary Concert, the Fall Workshop and our group concerts require a lot people power – and your part in that is appreciated! Thank you!

ESPS also benefitted from the help of four student interns this year: Erinn Wyllie, Alex Wong, Michaelene Poworoznik, and Rachel Killoh assisted us in event planning, web development, teacher assistance, and graphic design. Thank you, Interns!

Finally, we offer a note of appreciation to the ESPS Board of Directors, who continues to diligently lead our society, meeting monthly to shape our present and future. Thank you!

HELP WANTED: *ESPS is looking for volunteers to work at our casino on November 2 & 3, 2016. If you are available to help, and haven't already signed up for a shift, please contact Kim at 780.488.0548 or office@edmontonsuzukipiano.ca*

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