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## GET READY FOR A GREAT YEAR AT ESPS!

*The Edmonton Suzuki Piano School provides musical development to students, parents, and teachers following the Suzuki Method. We seek to create a learning community, which embraces excellence and nurtures the human spirit.*

Welcome (back) to another great year at Edmonton Suzuki Piano School! For more than 40 years, ESPS and its dedicated group of teachers have worked to offer individual and group lessons, memorable special events, special performances by our students, and educational opportunities for students, parents and teachers. Thank you for being a part of our community!

As parents, by enrolling with ESPS, you are demonstrating a commitment to daily practice, attendance at group classes, and participation in special events like the Fall Workshop or recitals. We know that this is an important commitment, and we thank you for making it on behalf of your child. Read on to discover what's in store for the coming year.

## STUDENTS: SUBMIT YOUR SUMMER PRACTICE CHALLENGE SHEETS

*Were you busy over the summer working on your **Summer Practice Challenge**?*

Now that September has arrived, finish up any remaining items on your checklist, and show your teacher all the great work you did over the summer break!

Teachers will have a special souvenir for each student who participates, plus those students who complete the challenge will be entered in a draw to win some great prizes! The deadline to submit your Summer Practice Challenge is Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The prize draw will take place at our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday September 27, 2017.

*Want to get off to a great start at practice time? Update your practice binder with fresh practice, challenge, and game sheets. And download our events calendar right into ical or your google calendar! Do it all at our website.*



## 2017/2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

**September 23, 2017** Parent Orientation Class at Suzuki Charter School

**September 27, 2017** Annual General Meeting at Suzuki Charter School

**October 21-22, 2017** Fall Workshop at Suzuki Charter School

**November 5, 2017** Graduation Concert at Muttart Hall

**January 28, 2018** Graduation Concert at Muttart Hall

**February 4, 11 & 25, 2018** Winter Recitals at PCL and Bryan Hall

**March 18, 2018** Graduation Concert at PCL Hall

**April 21, 2018** Spring Festival at Suzuki Charter School

**May 6, 2018** Group Concerts at Suzuki Charter School

**June 3 & 10, 2018** Summer Recitals

**June 17, 2018** Graduation Concert

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## COMING SOON AT ESPS:

### PARENT ORIENTATION WORKSHOP

**Saturday, September 23, 2017**

**9:30 – 12:30 at Suzuki Charter School (Room 4/5)** – enter through parking lot doors as the main doors will be closed.

This three-hour workshop provides information about the Suzuki approach and offers ideas for establishing a successful home practicing environment at home. You'll receive tried and true tips from the workshop leader as well as other parents as you get started on your Suzuki journey. Bring all your questions and be ready to learn!

Families who are new to our program are required to attend this workshop, and families looking for refresher class are also welcomed. Families will receive a workshop handbook and a copy of *Nurtured by Love* by Shinichi Suzuki.

Parents should register to attend this session with their individual lesson teacher. *Note: Families who attended the spring session do not need to register for this workshop.*

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

**7:30 PM at Suzuki Charter School** – enter through parking lot doors as the main doors will be closed.

Join us for our Annual General Meeting, where we will report on our year, present our financial statements for 2016/2017, and elect members to our Board of Directors.

Are you interested in learning more about how our society works? Do you have great ideas about how we could improve programming or make a difference for ESPS members? Have you ever considered joining our group of dedicated and enthusiastic board members to help us fulfill ESPS goals? We would love your help!

This year, we are looking for new members to serve on our Board of Directors. Whether you are a parent that is new to our program or a veteran who has been involved for many years, your perspective is important, and we would like to have your voice at our table!

If you'd like more information about joining our Board of Directors, please contact Administrator Kim Green at 780.488.0548.

### FALL WORKSHOP

**October 21 & 22, 2017**

**Suzuki Charter School**

Edmonton's biggest annual Suzuki piano event offers ESPS students master classes with guest teachers Susan Magnusson, Joyce Hodge, and Nena LaMarre, an enrichment class, a Parent Session with Nena LaMarre, and student performances at an Honours Concert. This value packed program is available to ESPS members for a low registration fee of only \$30 per student! Watch for registration information and forms at your teacher's studio.

### COMING IN JANUARY – MUSIC READING CLASS FOR PARENTS

Are you ready to read music? Sign up for a 4-week course specifically for Book 1 parents! You'll learn how to read notes, rhythms, terms and signs, as well as participating in basic ear training. We'll have fun playing together on multiple pianos just as your children do!

**Dates:** 4 Saturdays from Jan 13<sup>th</sup> to Feb. 3, 2018

**Location:** Room 4/5, Suzuki Charter School (10720 54 Street)

**Fee:** \$125

**Minimum:** 6 participants **Maximum:** 10 participants

To reserve your spot in the class, you can register online at [edmontonsuzukipiano.ca/shop](http://edmontonsuzukipiano.ca/shop) or mail a cheque to ESPS at 5820 168 Avenue Edmonton, AB T5Y 0K6. Contact Kim for more information at 780.488.0548.

Q: What's the difference between a piano and a fish?

A: You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish!

***Give your piano the attention it needs - call your piano tuner this fall!***