



# TWINKLING THE IVORIES

September 2019

## 8 REASONS TO ATTEND THE FALL WORKSHOP

The Fall Workshop takes place on October 19 and 20, 2019, and even though the term is just getting started, preparations for this weekend event are well under way. This year, we've added some interesting new programming to the workshop, and while students can still register for master/enrichment classes, there are also other options to consider!

Take a look at all these reasons to register for the 2019 Fall Workshop!

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1. **Guest Teachers:** Fall Workshop Masterclasses will be taught by three amazing clinicians: **Karen Gerelus**, an award-winning Suzuki piano educator from Calgary, whose Masters thesis was about motivation in piano students, will have many insights to share. **Glen Montgomery**, a pianist, composer and Distinguished Teacher at the University of Calgary will be working with some of our intermediate and senior students. Finally, **Nicole Wilton**, a noted Suzuki Teacher Trainer from Saskatoon and perennial favourite at the Fall Workshop, will engage students and parents with her enthusiasm and perceptive insights.
2. **Twinkle Classes:** This year, we are offering a special class for our youngest and newest students - the Twinklers! Whether they've been working on the Twinkles for a year or a month, all are welcome to this special group class.
3. **School of Rock:** We are happy to welcome back **Zach Smith**, our percussion specialist, who is offering a rock themed enrichment class. We can hardly wait to see how many different instruments he can fit in his car this year!
4. **Concert Talk:** Get inspired at one of the noon-hour Concert Talks by **Glen Montgomery**. He is known to be a captivating speaker and performer, and he'll entertain both parents and our older students with his session on "The Art of the Performance: Preparation and Practice Principles."
5. **Ensemble Classes:** A new offering for weekend registrants, our new Ensemble Class will be entertaining - any combination of instruments, any type of music, participants of all ages.... Are there any rules? None at all! Consider registering your ensemble or just observing this fun class.
6. **Performance Opportunity:** Give your child a reason to polish a piece - a performance opportunity can really motivate!
7. **Meet and share** with other ESPS families: Here's your chance to meet up with other students and families in the ESPS program. Be inspired by student performances or ask that veteran parent for some practice tips.
8. The Fall Workshop is the **largest ESPS event of the year** - you don't want to miss it!

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

Parents of ESPS students are members of Edmonton Suzuki Piano School and are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at Suzuki Charter School in Room 4/5.

As a not-for-profit society, ESPS will report on activities and present its financial statements to the membership. Additionally, we'll hold elections for positions on our Board of Directors. Are you interested in getting involved? ESPS is looking for parent volunteers to contribute to the governance of our society. Whether you have been an ESPS parent for one year or 10, your perspective is valuable, and helps shape the programming we offer to students and families. Previous Board experience is not necessary. If you'd like more information about joining our Board, please contact Kim for more information at 780.488.0548.

Consider attending this meeting and get involved with ESPS!

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## SUMMER PRACTICE CHALLENGE

Now that September has arrived, it's time to finish up any remaining items on your Summer Practice Challenge checklist and show your teacher all the fun tasks that you completed over the summer break!

Teachers will award a special souvenir to each student who participates, and those students will also be entered in a prize draw. *This year, we have some great prizes!* The deadline to submit your Summer Practice Challenge is Friday, September 13th.

## 2019/2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

- July 8-12, 2019** *River City Suzuki Piano Institute*
- September 25, 2019** *Annual General Meeting at Suzuki Charter School*
- October 19 & 20, 2019** *Fall Workshop at Suzuki Charter School*
- November 3, 2019** *Graduation Concerts at Muttart Hall*
- January 19, 2020** *Graduation Concerts at Muttart Hall*
- February 2, 9, & 23, 2020** *Winter Recitals at PCL Hall*
- March 14, 2020** *Spring Festival at Suzuki Charter School*
- March 15, 2020** *Graduation Concerts at Muttart Hall*
- May 3, 2020** *Group Concerts at Suzuki Charter School*
- May 31, June 7 & 14, 2020** *Summer Recitals at Convocation Hall, U of A*
- June 21, 2020** *Graduation Concerts at Muttart Hall*

## CONGRATULATIONS BOOK 7 GRADUATE NICHOLAS YAMAMOTO

On Saturday September 28th, Book 7 student Nicholas Yamamoto will perform at a special recital to celebrate his completion of the Suzuki repertoire and the ESPS program. Nicholas has studied piano for twelve years, since grade 2. Now in his third year of university, Nicholas studies sciences at the University of Alberta. Nicholas has enjoyed his piano studies throughout the years and hopes to continue even after completing the Suzuki repertoire.

The concert will take place at 4:00 pm at PCL Hall at Grant MacEwan's- Alberta College Campus (10050 MacDonald Drive) on September 28, 2019. ESPS members are invited to enjoy this very special performance of some of the most advanced repertoire in the Suzuki program! Nicholas is a student of Ruth Johnson, and the recital program will include works by Mozart, Handel, Chopin, Bach, Bartok and more

Edmonton Suzuki Piano School congratulates Nicholas for this tremendous accomplishment!

*For the sake of the children let us educate them from the cradle to have a noble mind, a high sense of values and splendid ability.*

**Shinichi Suzuki**  
*Nurtured by Love*