

SAGWA Notes

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Fall Workshop Thanks and Testimonials!

Dear SAGWA Families:
Thank you so much for making the Fall Workshop a wonderful success.

Our three clinicians were thrilled to work with our SAGWA students and enjoyed meeting so many area teachers.

A special thank you to all the teachers who volunteered their time as room assistants and accompanists: I couldn't have done it without your help!!

Thanks also to the Levine School parents who provided dinner and lunch to our guest clinicians and Mary Findley for hosting Sally Gross.

Here are a few reactions from the workshop:

"I got to have two lessons with Kyoko and it was really great. Kyoko was so nice. I wanted to play my very best for her. She even taught us (in group

class) some notes from a song in Book 4. I can't wait until I can play the whole thing! I hope that Kyoko can come back in the spring so she can play a duet with me at my school talent show."

Nicole Campagna, Age-Suzuki Violin Student

Note from Kay Madsen, Nicole's mom:

"The workshop really energized Nicole's interest in playing. Her renewed enthusiasm was apparent at her very next lesson!"

Janice Mauroschadt
Violin Instructor/ Charlottesville, VA

"The SAGWA Fall workshop at the Levine School of Music was very inspiring for me and I left with lots of good ideas to use in my group classes in my private studio. The tone workshop, conducted by Gabe Bolkosky, was a real eye-opener. I learned some subtle nuances to

tone production that I didn't know before and it confirmed several techniques that I currently employ in my studio! The visual aids on how to communicate tone to students was also invaluable.

In addition to Gabe's wonderful teaching, Kyoko Fuller's group classes were wonderful! Again, I picked up many wonderful teaching tips, but also wonderful ways of relating to the students. She taught with such warmth and joy.

Thank you, SAGWA, for an inspiring weekend and for all you do to help us become better instructors!"

Save this time of year next year for Shenandoah and also let me know if you'd like to include a testimonial in the next newsletter!

Susan Fuller

Fall Workshop Director

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Beautiful Tone,
Beautiful Heart.
Dr. Suzuki

13 MORE Ways to Help Your Teacher

from SAA Board Preside President, Diane Schroeder

A Tip a Week: Fifty-two ways to help your teacher:

1. Offer to straighten up the teacher's office or whatever seems overwhelming
2. Experienced parents can offer to speak with newer parents in a relaxed setting such as wine and cheese or coffee and tea in private homes.
3. Arrive with dinner once in awhile.
4. Offer to sort music or do some filing.
5. Keep track of repertoire learned outside the Suzuki repertoire in a file.
6. Buy music requested by your teacher in a timely fashion.

7. Volunteer to recycle uniforms and house them, being active about informing everyone what sizes and colors are "in stock".
8. Organize a field trip.
9. Raise money for scholarships for lessons or institutes and workshops.
10. Pay your bills on time. Don't make the teacher ask.
11. Treat your teacher as you would your doctor or dentist or any other professional. Make lessons a priority, not the "oh we can re-schedule/cancel" part of your plans.
12. Try to control the negative influence another parent may have on others

in the program.

13. Do not go behind your teacher's back to ask for lessons from another teacher without having informed your current teacher about your intentions.

Like this list? This was a list compiled by the current SAA Board President, Diane Schroeder, who is a Suzuki parent herself. She polled a number of Suzuki Teachers across the country asking them how their families could help out. There are 52 in total, so look for more in the next SAGWA newsletter!!

"What does not exist in the environment will not develop in the child. By no means only words or music, but everything, good or bad, is absorbed by the child."
Dr. Suzuki

"Every child improves depending on his/her parents."
Dr. Suzuki

Area Recitals and Performances

Northern Virginia Suzuki Music School, Students of Ronda Cole and David Strom

Recitals— All Guests Welcome!

December 14— 2pm Group Recital Memorial Baptist Church, 3455 N Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA

March 8— 3pm Group Recital , McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean, VA. Sanctuary entrance off Calder Rd

May 2— 3pm Books 1-5 Solo Recitals, 5pm Books 5 and up McLean Baptist Church,

June 7—3pm Group Recital, McLean Baptist Church

Levine School of Music

District Strings Performing Group

November 23— 3pm The Hebrew Home of Washington

November 28— 11am The Children's National Medical Center

March 15— 2pm THEARC

May 8— 7:30pm The Atlas Theater

Please email any upcoming performances to sfuller@levineschool.org!

“There is no born genius. Education is the way to develop ability.”
Dr. Suzuki

The Newsletter Wants to Hear from You!

Please email the newsletter editor, Susan Fuller, at sfuller@levineschool.org with articles, studio and student accomplishments, photos, studio openings, performances, etc. We love articles sharing institute experiences as well! The newsletter comes out every three months.

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Danielle Dotson

