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# Sharon Music Academy Newsletter

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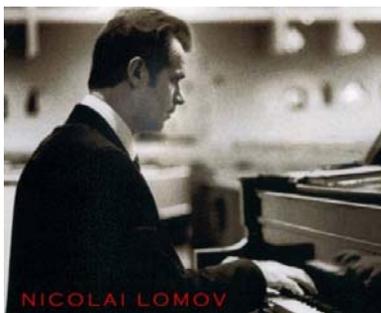
## Want To Be Dazzled?

Then you should not miss this performance! Incredible piano duo — Diana Shapiro and Stanislava Varshavsky — laureates of International Piano Competition will play in a fundraising concert for the benefit of Young Concert Artists Program. Don't miss this really rare opportunity—this type and level of performance is impossible to find anywhere else. The concert will also feature performances by members of the Bristol Chamber Orchestra and students of Sharon Music Academy. The event will be held on Sunday, May 7th, 2006 at 1:00 pm at Sharon Music Academy. Mark this day on your calendar and come and enjoy music and donate as much as you can to Young Concert Artists Program. This program organizes joint recitals of young musicians and the Bristol Chamber orchestra. Many students of Sharon Music Academy have already participated in this program and have had this unforgettable experience of performing with a professional ensemble of musicians.

This concert is the second in series of fundraising events organized by Sharon Music Academy. The first one, held on April 7th, was a huge success. More than \$500 have been donated to the Young Artists Concert Program. Those who attended this concert enjoyed amazing performances of young musicians ranging in age from 8 to 17 and breathtaking saxophone solos by Nick Videen, saxophone instructor at Sharon Music Academy. Students of Sharon Music Academy Brandon Bloch of Sharon, Angelique Scully of Franklin, Michele Cao of Sharon and Catherine Song of Canton and their families donated their talent, time and money for this event. We want to thank them all.



## Concert at Longy



Those students of Sharon Music Academy and their families who attended Nicolai Lomov's piano concert at Longy had a wonderful evening. What an amazing performance! It is a privilege to have such a wonderful musician as a member of our faculty. All concert attendees were invited to a reception after the concert and had an opportunity to talk to Nicolai and sample some Russian food. Those who missed this concert will have another opportunity to listen to Nicolai on the WGBH radio in live concert on April 26th at 11:00 am. He will also perform "Popular Favorite Masterpieces for the Piano Solo" (Beethoven, Liszt, Chopin, Gershwin) on May 13th at 7:00 pm at Central Congregational Church, 115 Commonwealth Ave, Attleboro Falls, MA. Please call Nancy Mitchell at (508) 699-2829 for more information.

It is already time to plan for your child's summer. Learn more about our exciting summer music programs - local and international music camps at our website :

<http://www.sharonmusicacademy.com/summerprog.html>

“Playing scales is like a boxer skipping rope or punching a bag. It’s not the thing in itself; it’s preparatory to the activity” -

Barney Kessel  
(Jazz Guitar)



“Use the talents you possess, for the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except the best” .

Henry Van Dyke



After Charity Concert  
at Yovile House in  
Cambridge.

## Summer Schedule & Programs

Time flies and it is already summer again. Our school year officially ends in June. But it does not mean that we will close our doors in July. We will continue to offer weekly private music lessons and theory classes in the summer as well. Please let us know your plans for the summer. We will also offer intensive “Music Dash Week” programs for students who want to catch up or jump ahead in their music studies. During “Music Dash Week” students will have private 45 or 60 minutes lessons and optional “Introduction to Music Theory” group lesson every day of the week. It is also a chance to try a new music instrument, for example saxophone or violin. We will also have chamber music classes and provide an opportunity to learn how to play piano duos. Give us a call or visit our web site for more information.

## Pre-Registration for the Next Year

It has been a great year for the students of Sharon Music Academy. Everybody plays so much better, has better understanding of music (especially students who took theory courses) and everybody certainly has enjoyed this wonderful journey of learning music. In June and May teachers will discuss with each student and parent year-end evaluation sheet, which summarizes student’s achievements this year and sets up the goals for the next.

We have a lot of plans for the next year — new programs, courses, competitions, field trips, opportunities to perform and many others exciting music experiences for our students. In order to better plan all these activities and create convenient schedule we need all students, who intend to continue study music, pre-register for the next year. Pre-registration will guarantee that a time-slot will be reserved for a student. If you pre-register before June 15th you will pay this year registration rate of \$20 for an individual and \$35 for a family. After June 15th registration fees will change to \$35 for an individual and \$50 for a family. All pre-registered students will also get one-of-a-kind Sharon Music Academy sheet music tote bag. To pre-register go to [www.sharonmusicacademy.com/preregister.html](http://www.sharonmusicacademy.com/preregister.html) or pick up a pre-registration form at the Academy. You can give your filled out form to your instructor. Please write the name of the student on your check and drop it in the box in the hallway. We look forward to seeing all of our students next year at the Academy. Let’s continue this wonderful journey of learning music together!

## Recitals, Recitals, Recitals ...

We have planned a lot of performing opportunities for our students to celebrate a year of hard studies and showcase their achievements. Students can choose from a broad range of performing options—from playing in a warm and comfortable atmosphere of the Academy, performing at Steinert Hall in Boston, to playing in the finale of American Fine Arts Festival in New York City. Please discuss these options with your instructor. We intend to invite a professional video/audio engineer to make high quality recordings of some of the recitals (recitals at the First Baptist Church). Please sign-up in the lobby for a DVD. Year-after-year video records of your child’s performance creates a vivid memory of your child’s growth as a musician and is an important part of your family history.

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