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Happy New Year!

Dear Students, Parents and Friends of the Sharon Music Academy,

The Faculty of the Sharon Music Academy wishes all of you Happy New Year! We wish you health, happiness and a lot of joy in the New Year! We want to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts the faculty has received this holiday season. But the greatest gift for all of us is to see how much joy music brings into our students' life. We look forward to seeing you in upcoming Spring Semester. We have scheduled a lot of interesting activities and performances for the next year. And it is your participation that makes all our events so exciting!

Tanya Schwartzman, Music Director

Quote of the Day

"During the Gulf War, the few opportunities I had for relaxation I always listened to music, and it brought me great peace of mind. I have shared my love of music with people throughout this world, while listening to the drums and special instruments of the Far East, Middle East, Africa, the Caribbean, and the Far North, and all of this started with the music appreciation course that I was taught in a third-grade elementary class in Princeton, New Jersey. What a tragedy it would be if we lived in a world where music was not taught to children.

- General H. Norman Schwarzkopf

Re-registration for the Spring Semester

Time flies—it is almost the end of our Fall Semester and the time to think about upcoming Spring Semester, which starts in February. Re-registration for the Spring Semester is now open. We've got quite a few requests to change times or days of the private lessons and we will try to accommodate all these requests. So, if you want to secure your current days, times and teachers please re-register as soon as possible. Final fall statements and invoices for the spring semester will be distributed starting January 11th, 2010. Because of the limited availability, we will not be able to guarantee your requests after January 23rd, 2010. The same applies to our Theory Classes and other group music program. We need to know enrollment before the beginning of the Spring Semester. Re-registration is a good time to talk to administration and instructors about your plans, expectations and concerns. We always welcome your feedback. Please send us email to if you need to change the lesson schedule. You are always welcome to make an appointment and talk to the Music Director. We have scheduled a lot of interesting events for the Spring Semester, including our annual April Families in Concert Recital, Faculty Concert and many more. Our goal is to teach how to love, under-

Music Summer Camp in Europe

Looking to combine education, tourism and music? Join Tanya Schwartzman and many great musicians from all over the world in the summer music program in Germany and France. The program is scheduled for August 9-19 and will start at Weimar's famous Liszt School of Music. It will also include a four-day romp through the famous European musical cities of Strasbourg, Metz, Rheims, Paris, and Versailles. You can get more information from Tanya Schwartzman or online at <http://afafestival.org/summer>. Don't miss the opportunity to get a memorable music experience. Our students who went to this camp last summer enjoyed it immensely. You can always talk to them or their parents if you have questions.

TV Show "Musical Moments with Tanya"

As we have announced before our Music Director Tanya Schwartzman started to shoot a show about music, music history and famous performers on Sharon Community Television. Her first show is dedicated to 200th birthday anniversary of F. Chopin and she discussed it with another familiar face, our instructor Vivien Chen, who has written a dissertation on Chopin. Sharon residents can watch it on Channel 8 and all others will be able to see it online. In the following shows Tanya will talk with Lisa Leong about "New Music", with Clayton Mathews about new sounds and rhythms of a violin, with a painter and amateur musician Misha Lenn about connection between visual arts and music and with Lilit Karapetian about various genres in music. Please watch local TV listing and announcements.

YouTube Video You Should See

Spring is a time for various music auditions and competitions for our students. To prepare to these events we would like to recommend music videos of some of the local young musicians:

http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=2009+Young+Promise+Festival+Winners+&search_type=&aq=f

Congratulations Ashley!



Our woodwind teacher Ashley Paul has been awarded 2010 Fellowship Merit Award in Music Composition from Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

Below is a comment from RI Island State Council on the Arts why they awarded it to Ashley.

Multi-reedist, vocalist and composer Ashley Paul has been actively involved in improvised and experimental music in New York City, Boston and Providence for the past decade. Her debut solo album "DOL" released in late 2008 was picked as album of the column by *Wire Magazine*, on one of Rare Frequency's top 10 lists, and featured in German magazine *Spex*. In 2008 she performed the World Premiere of Phil Niblick's piece composed for her and percussionist Eli Keszler to be published by Touch Records and performed as part of the US Premiere of Mauricio Kagel's "Der Schall". She was also selected as artist-in-residence by ISSUE Project Room, Brooklyn, NY. In 2009 Ashley founded her own small imprint Wagtail which released her second solo recording "if only goodnight". She just completed her third solo record to be released by REL Records in early 2010.

Some panelists found this work to be the most interesting of all of the Fellowship applications on a purely aesthetic level. The entire panel commented on this composer's interesting use of instruments and the high level of performance on the CD recordings. The work was so consistent that they wondered if the 3 pieces, recorded over the past three years, were performed by the same ensemble. Overall, the panel felt that this applicant's music is beautiful, interesting, and compelling and they were enthusiastic about supporting her work.

Please Send Us Pictures!

We have wonderful winter recitals in December. Many pictures were taken and we ask you to share them with us. We will publish selected pictures in online archive and will create an album from prints (4x6 or 5x7 please).

For online archive please email digital pictures to Sergey

SMA is now on Twitter and Facebook

Finally, the Sharon Music Academy has joined the Digital Age—we are now on Twitter and Facebook. We have so many events we want our community to know about. Regretfully, email has not worked that well and people have missed many events they had been interested in. So, we have decided to try a different approach—we will post announcements on Twitter and Facebook. If you follow our tweets on Twitter or become our fan on Facebook you will always be aware of what is happening at SMA. Our Twitter username is **SMAatwitnews**. Search for "**Sharon Music Academy**" on Facebook and become a fan.

Fundraiser for "A-Muse The World" Foundation

Every year Sharon Music Academy organizes several fundraisers for various causes. We have given concerts to the benefit of the children of Chernobyl, Sharon Performing Artists Association and many others. This year our fundraiser on March 27th, 2010 will benefit "A-Muse the World" Foundation that organizes festivals for young musicians. Fundraiser event will feature Faculty Concert and an auction. Several prominent local artists and businesses have donated art and gift certificates for the auction. If you have an art object, a gift certificate for a service or anything of value that you may contribute to the auction please let us know. All contributions are tax deductible.