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Quote of the Day

*"We are what we
repeatedly do.*

*Excellence, then, is not
an act, but a habit.*

- Aristotle

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Newsletter

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Have A Great Year Of Music !

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

Every fall, with eager anticipation all teachers look forward to return of their students. There is no greater reward for a music teacher than to watch his or her students growing as musicians and human beings. We constantly see a confirmation of how much music enriches our students' life.

This summer several of our former students came to visit us and shared with us what a big role music keeps playing in their lives. Brandon is a senior at UPenn majoring in Political Sciences and Economics. He actively performs and even competes and recently has performed with UPenn Symphony Orchestra. Shishi is a senior at Stanford University and will become a Software Engineer. She accompanies a choir and plays in a band. Our former student Ann Harris-Ritzinger, MD shares her experience on how music helps her fight dilapidating Parkinson's disease and her experience as a student of the Sharon Music Academy in the TV interview. You can watch this interview on Sharon Cable (Channel 8) or online on our "Media Archive" page.

Every summer we experience a sad moment when we say farewell to our seniors bound for college. Good luck and best wishes to Rachel, Amy and Kevin. I am sure that music will help you in your studies in college as it helped you to coop with demands and pressures of the senior year in high school.

Many students of our Academy continued their music studies this summer. We admire and respect their perseverance in achieving their goals. As multiple research studies have shown - additional summer learning tremendously speed up the progress. Just read "The Quote of The Day" on the left side of this page.

We want to extend a warm welcome to a group of students who just have joined our Academy. We promise that we will make every effort to make your learning music a wonderful and memorable experience. Please take a full advantage of being at our Academy – participate in the workshops, concerts, excursions and other events that we offer throughout a year.

Every year our community of adult students keeps growing. We always look forward to hosting our regular Music Parties for our adult students. Next music party is scheduled for the middle of November.

On behalf of our faculty I wish all our students a great year of music and joy. We look forward to take this wonderful journey of learning music together.

Tanya Schwartzman, Music Director

What's New At Sharon Music Academy

Online. We have upgraded our website and our online presence in general. Please regularly visit our "News and Events" page or follow us on Twitter or Facebook to learn about our upcoming events.

Ensemble programs. We always strive to broaden music experiences of our students. Playing with others is one the most rewarding and memorable experiences that one can imagine. This year we offer jazz ensemble, guitar ensemble, piano duos and chamber groups. All instruments are welcome. These programs have a very simple format – participants will learn their parts with their instructors and then will have 5 group rehearsals and a performance. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity –Fall Semester enrollment in these programs ends on October 15th. To enroll, please visit our website and click on "Admissions->Enroll in Group Course".

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Performance for the residents of Stony Brook Court



At North Hill Nursing Home



Best in Massachusetts: Our students -winners of the 2010 Bay State Contest



Introducing families to music at the Life is Good Festival to benefit Kids Foundation

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Jazz improvisation and composition. The students, who took this course over the summer, enjoyed it immensely. Every part of it was such a great fun – improvising, playing in ensemble and participating in a recording session. We have received several requests to repeat this program again. So we decided to extend it through the year. The program runs on Monday evenings. To enroll, please visit our website and click on “Admissions->Enroll in Group Course”.

You can learn more about all these programs online: “Music Lessons and Programs->Ensembles & Group Classes” .

Events, Concerts, Workshops, ...

Listening to music and performing are two important parts of music education. Throughout the year Sharon Music Academy offers plenty of opportunities to experience and learn music in various forms. Below is the list of some of the we are planning for this year.

October 30th, 2010. An open piano Master Class with Professor Natalia Katonova from St. Petersburg, Russia.

November 13th, 2010. An interactive workshop “Does Music Makes Sense?” with the Music Director. This workshop will be taped for TV show “Musical Moments with Tanya”.

December 18th-19th, 2010. Sharon Music Academy Winter Student Concerts.

March 26th, 2011. Our annual “Faculty Concert”. Please make an effort to come and see your teacher’s performance. March is also the time for auditions for Crescendo Festival, American Fine Arts Festival and Piano Extravaganza.

April 9th, 2011. “Families in Concert” - recital of family ensembles. Let’s play together!

June 18th-19th, 2011. Big Finale, Year-End concerts of the students of the Sharon Music Academy.

We also plan for several performances of our students at various elderly housings and public parks.

As you know, many of our faculty members are actively performing artists and often perform in Boston area. At the beginning of November Dizhou Zhao, our piano faculty member, will perform at Tsai Center with Leipzig Chamber Orchestra (Germany). Watch for announcements of performances by Mario Cerra Quintet, Lilit Karapetian (piano) , Ashley Paul (saxophone) and other faculty members on our bulletin boards , “News and Events” page, Facebook and Twitter.

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Last school year was very successful for our students and faculty members. Please visit our “Hall of Fame” webpage to see a long list of our students’ names, who have won many awards and prizes at various prestigious local, national and international competitions and festivals. Our students have been featured in local newspapers and received citations from Massachusetts State Senate. Large group of our students had a wonderful experience performing in New York as finalists of American Fine Arts Festival. Many of our students have been accepted in the prestigious children orchestras. Our Academy and students have received several letters of commendation from elderly housings and nursing homes where our students have given concerts. Students of the Sharon Music Academy have been invited to perform at the Beech Tree Park and participate in “Life is Good Festival” to benefit Life is Good Kids Foundation.

As impressive as these achievements are, we don’t have any intentions to rest on laurels. Please tell us what else we can do make your studying at the Sharon Music Academy even more enjoyable and memorable.