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# Sharon Music Academy

## MAY Newsletter

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### Quote of the Day

"Music is forever; music should grow and mature with you, following you right on up until you die. "

~Paul Simon

### Fun with Music

If you need to light up your day, watch funny videos by musicians Igudesman and Joo. Search for their names on Youtube or go to

[igudesmanandjoo.com](http://igudesmanandjoo.com)

And if you think that your music teacher is strict - watch their video "Piano Lesson".

## What A Year!

When you are busy time flies. And, oh boy, we've been very busy this year. I can't believe that it is already late spring. More than 40 students of our Academy became 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners of Crescendo Festival and Little Mozarts Competition and have already played or are going to play in May at Carnegie Hall in New York and Longy School of Music in Boston, gaining valuable performing experience.

Our annual fundraiser and "Faculty Recital" has been a great cultural and financial success. It featured virtuoso piano and trumpet playing, chamber groups and solo cello playing. Sharon Cable keeps broadcasting this concert on Channel 8 and if you don't have Sharon Cable, DVD is available.

Thirty family ensembles participated in our annual "Families in Concert" event! You could listen to tabla drum and violin ensemble, piano and guitar band, saxophone and piano and family choir. One could see how much fun for the whole family the whole event was. This concert is a great tribute to our parents supporting and nourishing love of music in their kids.

Our students have already won many prestigious music awards, became first chairs (saxophone, violin, cello) in various district and state orchestras – just visit our "Hall of Fame" page. We wish our competitors luck and success in very tough international and state competitions in June.

This year TV show "Musical Moments with Tanya" has gained the permanent slot on Sharon Cable. On Mondays and Wednesdays people watch this show about music and people. Recent episodes featured famous pianist Max Levinson talking to our students about music and the life of a musician and interviews with adult students of the Sharon Music Academy. You will be able to watch them online by visiting our "Media Archive" webpage.

Within our community outreach program our students have performed for seniors at assisted living facility and will give a concert at the Beach Tree Park in Sharon.

But the most rewarding experience for our faculty is to see great improvement in all our students – to see them growing as musicians and human beings. We look forward to seeing all our students at the year-end concerts in June.

*Music Director Tanya Schwartzman*

## Music and Learning Never Stop

Any skill requires a constant exercise to maintain. Music is no different. The famous Polish pianist I. Paderewsky used to say: "If I miss one day of practice, I notice it. If I miss two days, the critics notice it. If I miss three days, the audience notices it."

Long breaks in learning process always negatively affect the learning progress.

We stay open in the summer for private lessons and we also offer several additional exciting one-week programs for our students:

**Jazz Summer Workshop.** Last year all children, who participated in this program, enjoyed it immensely. We decided to offer this program this summer again.

It is a group workshop on jazz improvisation, where students learn their role in a typical jazz combo setting while learning the basics of improvisation. The students will learn how to read jazz charts, simple

chords, how to play in a group, "trading" (jazz's musical conversation) and taking solo's. Students will also learn about jazz style and swing through exercises and listening. They will build confidence and creativity while learning tunes. At the end of the week long session students will record their newly learning tunes as a group and each student will be able to take home their own CD. There is also an opportunity to learn jazz improvisation in a private lesson setting.

**Chamber Group.** Learn how to play with others chamber music. The chamber group will perform at the end of the session.

**Singing in the Sun.** Everybody loves to sing. Especially kids. We can help them find their own tune. This summer we are introducing "Road to Broadway" – intensive 5-days (about 3 hours each day) singing workshop. The children will learn singing techniques by learning how to sing popular songs and songs from musicals. At the end of the program the students will have a graduation recital and a CD will be produced.

We have some flexibility with the dates and times of summer programs and final schedule will depend on enrollment. Please visit our website to register for summer programs or follow the link

<http://sharonmusicacademy.com/summerregistration.php>

## Fall Registration

As always, we have a busy program for the next year. And, as many of you have already noticed (sorry to mention parking), the schedules of all of our teachers are very much full. For many teachers, days of the week and time slots we have a waiting list. This year, like no other year before, it is VERY IMPORTANT to re-register for the fall as soon as possible to reserve your slot with your teacher. It is especially important for the families with several students at our academy. Please do your home work and try to specify the time slots that would not conflict with other students' activities. Though we will make every effort to change a schedule if you need it, we can't guarantee it. You need to register even if you don't know your schedule for the fall to reserve a slot with your teacher. Please visit our re-registration page <http://sharonmusicacademy.com/reregistration.php>

We look forward seeing all our students next year.



2011 Faculty Concert—Photos courtesy of Kirsten Torkelson

## Announcements

- Don't miss piano concert "Passing Baton" by amazing piano duo Tanya Schwartzman and Lilit Karapetian. On the program there are many not very well-known, but crowd pleasing piano duets. More info on our "News and Events" webpage.
- After a year of hard work and serious dedication it's time to celebrate the many accomplishments of our students. Mark your calendars – Year-end recitals are on weekend of June 11-12, 2011. Please discuss with your teacher the date and time of the concert.
- For a safer learning environment we have installed several video cameras in public and service areas. Later on we are planning to install video cameras in classes to give family members an opportunity to watch the lessons over the internet.
- Next Music Evening for our Adult students is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 25th, 2011