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Quotes of the Day

"Music can change the world because it can change people".

Bono

"Music doesn't lie. If there is something to be changed in this world, then it can only happen through music."

Jimmi Hendrix

New Year of Amazing Discoveries

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.

I want to share with you a story of Kevin A. He came to the Sharon Music Academy being a 10th grade student because he could not keep a music inside him any longer. Despite the pressures and demands of a preparation for college he has put a lot of effort and energy in learning piano. In three years at the Academy he has made an amazing progress and I strongly believe that music helped him to balance his grueling schedule and provided much needed emotional outlet. He is now a full time student at Rochester Institute of Technology and despite majoring in science and biology he continues to study music at the famous Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. Many of you probably have seen pictures of Einstein with violin—he was an avid violin and piano player. I am sure that when Kevin becomes a famous scientist, and have many of his pictures taken, one of them will be at the piano. Good luck to you Kevin!

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. To quote Aristotle—"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

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 and have another year of amazing discoveries.

Tanya Schwartzman, Music Director

This Year At the Sharon Music Academy

New Faculty Members. We want to extend our warm welcome to new members of our faculty—Philip Mazza and Nicole Ferretti. Philip is a wonderful guitar teacher, guitarist and a jazz composer. And you should hear Nicole singing! You will be blown away! She will teach you how to sing properly and enjoy your vocal performance.

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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**SMA Trio Performs at
Carnegie Hall in New York**



**Concert At Sophia Snow
Nursing Home**



**Henry Karshis—Special
Schchedrin Award at the 3rd
International Young Promise
Competition**



**First Ever Performance
By Mandeep W.
Musical Fridays at SMA**

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Jazz improvisation and composition. The students, who took this course last 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. We have not set the day and time for this program yet. Let us know you are interested and we will try to make the schedule convenient to everybody.

Listen, Perform, Learn

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 2nd, 2011. SMA students perform for the Artists at the Art Show at the Congregational Church in Sharon (29 N. Main St). Time : 2-3 pm

October 16th, 2011. The Art of Virtuoso. Music for 2 pianos 4 hands performed by the Grand Prize Winner of the International American Music Competition Randall Hodgkinson and Leslie Amper - professors of New England Conservatory. Seats are limited, please reserve early. Please don't miss this unique opportunity to listen to a beautiful music performed by masters. Time: 5:30 pm. Location:SMA.

October 23rd, 2011. SMA Halloween Party. Come and join us at the SMA Halloween Party. Concert of scary music, parade of costumes, entertainment and much more . Time: 12:30 pm. Location: First Baptist Church.

October 29th, 2011. Meet Russian Composers and Their Music. Concert of contemporary Russian music and meeting with Russian composers. Music performed by the students of the Sharon Music Academy. This event is organized by Educational Bridge Project. Listen to music, ask the questions and even touch a living composer. Time: 5:30 pm. Location: SMA.

December 17th-18th, 2011. Sharon Music Academy Winter Student Concerts.

March 25th , 2012. 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 8th, 2012. "Families in Concert" - recital of family ensembles. Let's play together!

June 10th-11th, 2012. Big Finale, Year-End concerts of the students of the Sharon Music Academy.

We also plan for several performances of our students at various public venues, elderly housings and public parks. As you know, many of our faculty members are actively performing artists and often perform in Boston area. In order not to miss all these events, announcements of changes in times and dates of the events, please follow us on Facebook and Twitter, frequently visit our "News and Events" page online and read announcements on our bulletin boards.

Last Year in Retrospect

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 and earned prominent positions in various children orchestras and bands. Large group of our students had a wonderful experience performing in New York and Boston as finalists of Crescendo International Festival.

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.