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Quotes of the Day

"Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent".

Victor Hugo

"People haven't always been there for me but music always has."

Taylor Smith

Another Year of Adventures in Music

Dear Students, Parents and Patrons,

I want to welcome our new and returning students. I hope you had a productive and enjoyable summer and are ready for an exciting year of adventures in music. Our schedule for this year is packed with many interesting programs and activities. We promise that we will make every effort to make your learning music a wonderful and memorable experience.

To our new students I would like to say: please take full advantage of being a member of our Academy – participate in the workshops, concerts, excursions and other events that we offer throughout the year.

Our vibrant community of adult students keeps growing. We have a number of new students this year and our regular musical evenings promise to be more fun than ever. The next one is planned for Sunday, November 18th. Please stay tuned for details.

I want to congratulate one of our students -- Elizabeth Croonenberghs. Over the summer Elizabeth participated in several vocal competitions and became a finalist on "New England Got Talent" and "The Voices of Champions". The finals are on the 27th and 29th of September. Elizabeth is a shining demonstration of the fact that learning, like music, never stops, and many of our students continue their studies over the summer, regardless of whether they have formal lessons. To quote Aristotle again, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." We wish you luck, Elizabeth!

I also want to share with you another piece of good news. Our Academy has been invited to provide several music programs at the New England Sports Academy. Several joint performances with its dance and gymnastic teams are therefore in the works. This will give our students yet another opportunity to experience music in a different way.

On behalf of our faculty I wish all of our students a great year. We look forward to sharing with you new and exciting adventures in music.

Tanya Schwartzman, Music Director

Faculty News

New Faculty Members. We want to extend our warm welcome to a new member of our faculty—David Cruz. He is finishing his Doctorate in Cello at BU. We look forward to hearing him play at the Faculty Concert.

Books Published. Two of our faculty members became published authors this summer. Bjorn Wennas published "Four Studies for the Guitar" - beautiful and enchanting music. Mario Cerra, our woodwind instructor, has published a method book series on how to learn and master rhythms. You can buy their books online or ask them for a copy. Stay tuned for more books coming from our faculty.

Scheduled Performances. Many of our faculty members have performances scheduled for this year. Please watch for announcements on the bulletin boards and our online calendar. We encourage our students to attend whenever possible. It's not only great entertainment but also has an experience that holds educational and inspirational value for a student.

- *October 23rd, 8 pm, Tsai Performing Center. Free Admission.* Our piano faculty member Pei-yeah Tsai will perform for the first time (World Premiere) concerto by Ketty Nez "Thresholds for piano and wind ensemble". The performance will be tapped for an upcoming CD under the Albany label.

- *November 3rd, 4 pm, Steinert Hall. Free Admission.* "Elegant Giraffe," a concert of 20th and 21st century

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Quattro Studi Per
Chitarra
(Four Studies for the Guitar)
Björn L. E. Wennäs

Compositions by
Bjorn Wennäs'



Elizabeth Croonenberghs
In a recording studio



Lawn Concert of the
SMA Chamber Orchestra

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music. It will include the compositions by our faculty members Tanya Schwartzman and Phillip Mazza, and a performance by our vocal instructor Nicole Ferretti.

- *In another kind of performance*, our violin instructor Clayton Mathews' wedding has been taped for a reality show "Four Weddings". It is a contest and the winner will get all expenses paid honeymoon. The show will air in November on TLC. Please watch and root for team Mathews.

Beyond the Lesson

At the Sharon Music Academy taking lessons is just one part of the learning and experiencing music. There is much more than that.

It is fun to play together. Do you know that we have two chamber orchestras—Elementary and Middle school? Rehearsals are every other Saturday. We are putting together a guitar ensemble and a chamber group. All instruments are welcome. If you are interested please contact Sergey to arrange an audition.

Become a recorded artist! If you want to record a high quality CD or MP3 file to send to your friends and relatives or need one for an audition, we can help you. SMA works with an award-winning producer and audio engineer, who can create a professional recording for you. Our students say that just the recording session itself is a very memorable experience.

Feel like a real musician. For our advanced students, we offer a unique opportunity to play in and with a professional orchestra. Ask Sergey for more details.

Learn the laws of music. Whether you want to prepare for the ABRSM exams or want to compose, learning Music Theory is a must. Group lessons will start in October on Sunday afternoons.

Upcoming Events at SMA

We have an intensive schedule of events at SMA: Halloween Party in October, Students' recitals in December and June, Faculty Concert in March, "Families in Concert" recitals in April. Many interesting events, Master Classes with famous musicians, auditions for various festivals and workshops are also planned for this year. Please watch for the announcements.

We open the season with **SMA Halloween Party on October 20th**. Our young students are encouraged to wear their costumes and prepare a drawing, a painting or a dance on the music of "In the Hall of the Mountain King" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRpzxKsSEZg>. A special guest—magician Yuri Friman -- will wow you with Halloween magic.

A famous piano teacher, professor of the St. Petersburg Conservatory in Russia Zora Tsuker, will be giving a **Master Class on October 27th at 11 am**. Please read the details on our bulletin boards or online.

Music News From the Online World

If you think that cello is not that cool of an instrument, the cello rock group Apocalyptica will prove you wrong. Just watch one of their videos! <http://youtu.be/zf2aIVKpIOY>.

If you're wondering how early you can start to teach a child to play an instrument, watch this short video of a 4 year old <http://youtu.be/omuYi2Vhgjo> and see if it answers your question.

Why does music provoke emotions? Why can it sometimes be more powerful than medication? Why is that there isn't a specific part of our brain that responds to music (instead, why the whole brain appears to light up like a Christmas tree when we are listening to music)? To find answers to these questions and many other interesting facts about music and humans please, listen to the [Stuff You Should Know podcast](#) or visit the site www.HowStuffWorks.com.