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# Sharon Music Academy Newsletter

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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 a 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. It was such a great pleasure to listen to so many wonderful performances of our students during Winter Recitals' weekend!

I would like to congratulate all our students who became the finalists of the International Crescendo Competitions and will perform at Carnegie Hall and Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall in January and February.

We look forward to seeing you in upcoming the 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*

### Quotes of the Day

*"Music is very spiritual, it has the power to bring people together."*

*-Edgar Winter*

*"The wise musicians are those who play what they can master."*

*- Duke Ellington*

## Spring Semester

Time flies—it is almost the end of our Fall Semester and the time to think about the upcoming Spring Semester, which starts in February. Now is a good time to talk to administration and instructors about your plans, expectations and concerns. We always welcome your feedback. You are always welcome to make an appointment and talk to the Music Director. Invoices for the spring semester will be emailed after January 22th, 2013. Please check your Inboxes.

## Concerts, Performances, Auditions, ...

We have scheduled a lot of interesting events for the Spring Semester.

### March:

**10th—Auditions for Little Mozarts International Festival.** Earn the honor to play in Carnegie Hall and St. Petesburg, Russia. Have an experience participating in the International Festival and performing on a big stage.

**16th—Faculty Concert and Charitable Auction.** Our highly anticipated annual event. Don't miss an opportunity to see your instructor performing and listen to wonderful music. It is a variety show—many different instruments and styles. This event will benefit the Sharon Community Chamber Orchestra and "Tanglewood in Sharon" festival.

### April:

**13th—Families in Concert Recital.** Have family fun the old fashioned way—make music together! Last year we had 33 family ensembles. We hope to see more this year. Talk to your teachers in January and choose music that every member of the family will enjoy.

### June:

**8th, 15th—SMA summer concerts.** Our annual celebration of our students' achievements.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR FACULTY

Every year, around Christmas and New Year, we are reminded how rewarding the profession of a music teacher is. During this time we receive a lot of postcards, pictures, and letters from our current and former students. Mail from our former students, sharing their news and achievements with us, has a special place in our hearts. It proves to us once again what a wonderful and long-lasting effect music has on people's lives.

Whether it is a picture of a newborn child in Mayers family, video of Allen Wang on the stage of the Peabody conservatory, or a "thank you" note from the parents of Leina Xu after she becomes the principal cellist in the district orchestra — all of this makes us so proud to be a part of your extended family.

Thank You from all of us at the Sharon Music Academy!

**9th— Tanglewood in Sharon.** Joint performance of the Sharon Community Chamber Orchestra and students of the Sharon Music Academy.

We will have many more events in this semester—from performances of our faculty members to field trips and master classes with the famous musicians. Please watch announcements on the bulletin boards, check our calendar online or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

## Faculty News

**On CD.** Guitar instructor Bjorn Wennas and the group Newpoli published a CD of the traditional Italian Christmas songs—beautiful and unusual music. Ask for one with an autograph.

**In Print.** Woodwind instructor Mario Cerra with the co-author Ariel Ramos, just published a series of books on Rhythmic Training and Rhythmic Vocabulary.

**On TV.** Clayton Mathews, our violin instructor, and his wonderful wife Cammi, took part in the renowned show "Four Weddings" on TLC channel. As you probably know, in this show four brides agree to be guests at one another's weddings and judge which is best. We are glad to announce that Cammi and Clayton have outclassed everyone and won the fabulous honeymoon in Mexico. Congratulation Clayton!

**On Stage.** 2012 Educational Bridge Project Festival in Boston featured performances of our vocal teacher Nicole Ferretti, who sang a song written by our Music Director Tanya Schwartzman, and by our guitar instructor Phillip Mazza, who presented his own composition of electronic music. You can listen to their performances on our website ("About Us" -> "Media Archive") or on youtube.com.

## Music Inside You

Our goal at the Sharon Music Academy is to educate, teach music and provide our students with memorable music experiences. And at some point in their music education many of our students start to feel that there is a music inside them that just asks to get out—they start to compose. They can play their music, but they don't know how to write it down. We can help! We will help to write it and in the process you will learn new things about music theory and how to use notation software. We can help to professionally record your music on CD. We will even help you to submit your composition to the composition competitions! So, unleash your creativity!

## Announcements

**ABRSM Exams.** Group classes to prepare for the theory and aural exams (Levels I to III) will start in March. They will run for 6-7 weeks on Sundays at 2:30 pm. Email us to register.

**Instrument Rental.** You can now rent a violin, cello, flute, saxophone, clarinet and other instruments from Rayburn online and pick them up at SMA. Just go to

<https://www.rayburneducation.com/aeRntSchoolSelect.aspx?PlanCode=>

And choose "Affiliate: Sharon Music Academy" in "Select District" drop-down menu. Write down the confirmation number and email it to us. Students of the Sharon Music Academy may also have discounts on some instruments if they decide to buy them.

**Lost and Found.** Our "Lost and Found" collection keeps growing and have such items as car keys and expensive wrist watches. Please don't hesitate to ask us about the things that you feel you could of lost at SMA.

**Next Music Evening.** Our community of adult students keeps growing! We encourage everyone to join us on Sunday, March 3rd at 6pm and share their love of music and food.