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Quotes of the Day

"Music is the strongest form of magic."

—Marilyn Manson

"Ah, music," he said, wiping his eyes. "A magic beyond all we do here!."

— J.K. Rowling,

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Sharon Music Academy

Newsletter

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Message from Music Director

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

This year our first newsletter is coming out later than usual - too many things have been happening at the Sharon Music Academy that kept us busy. Our students performed at the Everwood Camp at the Halloween Festival, we hosted exchange students and their teacher S. Shalman from the famous St. Petersburg (Russia) Conservatory prep school, our students participated in many concerts of the Educational Bridge Project Fall Festival and Elisabeth Croonenberghs was invited to sing and play piano (a la Elton John) at Rotunda in Quincy Market in Boston during Christmas festivities. To our surprise and delight, we started to appear on the radar of various organizations as a "go-to" music school for high quality performances. We've got an invitation to perform at the half-time of Providence Bruins game and on "Smooth Jazz" radio station from Florida. SMA has been invited to provide music programs at Sage and Foxboro Regional Charter School. We've also been invited to perform at Hard Rock Café in Boston in the Next Generation Concert Series. One of the experiences that SMA offers to its advanced students is an opportunity to teach music to younger musicians. And Leina Xu took advantage of this opportunity and is gaining an invaluable experience teaching cello to 4 grades at the Foxboro Regional Charter School. All these new activities require more time and effort on our part but we are glad to be able to offer more music experiences for our students. We thank you all for being students and friends of the Sharon Music Academy and promise you to make your musical journey exciting and memorable.

Tanya Schwartzman, Music Director

Things to watch for, listen to and participate in

As usually, the Spring Semester is packed with educational and entertaining events.

March:

1st—Auditions for Little Mozarts International Festival. Earn the honor to play in Carnegie Hall in New York or Pickman Hall in Boston. Have an experience participating in the International Festival and performing on a big stage.

22nd—Faculty Concert and Charitable Auction. Faculty Concert and Charitable Auction. Our highly anticipated annual event. Please join us in support of the local musicians and music education, while enjoying world class music performances right here in Sharon. This is an entertaining musical show of many different styles and instruments. Auction items include works of art and gift certificates from local merchants. Don't miss an opportunity to see your instructor performing and listen to wonderful music! This event will benefit production of the "Carnival of the Animals" show—joint performance of our students and the Sharon Community Chamber Orchestra. Please donate gift certificates or items of value for the silent auction or buy an add in the program—every dollar counts.

April:

5th—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. It is still not too late to talk to your instructors and choose music that every member of the family will enjoy.

6th—Music Evening for our adult students. Please join us for the evening of music, food and a feeling of camaraderie. Please invite your friends and family members—everyone is welcome.

June:

7th, 14th—SMA summer concerts. Our annual celebration of our students' achievements.

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Every Party Needs a
Clown
Halloween at SMA



Joint Concert with young
musicians from Russia



Chamber Group in
Concert



Masterclass with maestro
Krystian Tkaczewski

8th— Carnival of the Animals. Joint performance of the famous piece by C. Saint-Saens by the Sharon Community Chamber Orchestra and the students of the Sharon Music Academy. It will include verses by Ogden Nash specifically written for this music. Everybody is invited to take part in the show. Even very young child can recite a couple of lines from Ogden Nash poem and be on stage. Please contact Sergey about the part. It will be a lot of fun!

In May or June we are planning a field trip to Frederick Historic Piano Collection in Ashburnham. Please watch for a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Many of our teachers will have concerts in the upcoming months. You have probably noticed colorful announcements on the bulletin boards for the previous concerts. To stay ahead of all these events please follow us on Facebook or Twitter or subscribe to our Calendar RSS feed.

It is difficult to believe but summer will be here soon. Please watch for announcements about our summer programs! They will be posted on the bulletin boards and online after March 8th, 2014. You can also start registering for summer lessons using our online form.

Can music really heal?

Dr. A. Tomatis claims it can if it is music of W.A. Mozart. In his book "Pourquoi Mozart?" ("Why Mozart?") Dr. Tomatis presents several facts that are really amazing. In his youth famous French actor Gerard Depardieu had a terrible stutter and bad memory. Dr. Tomatis prescribed Depardieu to listen to Mozart every day for 2 hours. Stutter and problem memory went away and never came back! Alzheimer patients demonstrate noticeable improvement if they regularly listen to Sonata for Two pianos in D major, sonata K448 prevents epileptic seizures, and there are medical trials demonstrating healing effect of Mozart's music on the digestive system. So, learn how to play an instrument and play a lot of Mozart for a healthy life!

Dean's winding path to music

It is always a rewarding experience for a teacher to learn about successes of his or her student. It is a validation of teacher's life and effort. It is a wonderful of feeling of making a difference in one's life. And that's exactly how we felt when we got the following email from our former student Dean Krommydas: "This is a huge thank you ... and support because without it I could not have achieved...as of today... 'Of Times Gone By' has reached Number 1 in the charts of both sub-genre Chamber Music (of 2,034 pieces) and overall Classical genre (of 40,252 pieces) on soundclick! Thank you so much for all of your support!". Dean came to SMA in his late twenties to learn music. He had the music inside that looked for a chance to get out. He worked very hard and we were very proud to write him a recommendation for a conservatory. And he has been writing music ever since. Here is the link to [his page](#) on soundclick.

Invitation to fun

What is fun? Fun is to share music with a friend, to be on stage and wow an audience. We invite all our students to join SMA ensembles:

Elementary Orchestra : for beginners in any instrument. If you have played for a year you are welcome to join. The orchestra meets every other Saturday in the afternoon.

Chamber Group: for intermediate level of playing. String, woodwind and piano students are invited to join. Rehearsal are every other Saturday in the afternoon.

SMA Band: looking for singers, keyboardists, guitarists and woodwind players. Rehearsal times are TBD on Saturdays or Sundays every other week.

Please see Sergey for an additional information.