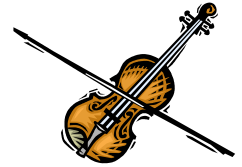


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Introducing the New Co-chairs

Introducing the new co-chairs:

Mandy Loban-Jordan and Damian Jordan

Mandy Loban-Jordan is a Suzuki Classical Guitar teacher, member of CSSA and registered teacher with the Suzuki Association of the Americas. She teaches classical guitar, flute and piano in her studio, Sundance Music Studio. She is also a member of the Classical Guitar Society and in previous years served as vice president on the board as well as member at large. Mandy was the Guitar director of the CSSA String Festival last year and will continue doing this for the upcoming year.

A composer and arranger, Mandy is a partner with her husband in Yaminda Productions Limited. With her many years of teaching experience Mandy strongly values the Suzuki approach creating performance learning opportunities in a nurturing social environment.

Damian has a background in musical composition, conducting and twenty-five years' experience in business. He is currently Manager of Continuous Improvement at Canadian Natural Resources Limited. Damian has served as Chair of the Midsun School Parent Council and Midsun Band Association. He chaired the United Way campaign at his company for three years and was VP Public Relations at Palliser Toastmasters club.

Mandy and Damian's goals as co-chair are to continue to grow the Suzuki opportunities for String Students in Calgary and to build a strong team of volunteers in the CSSA.

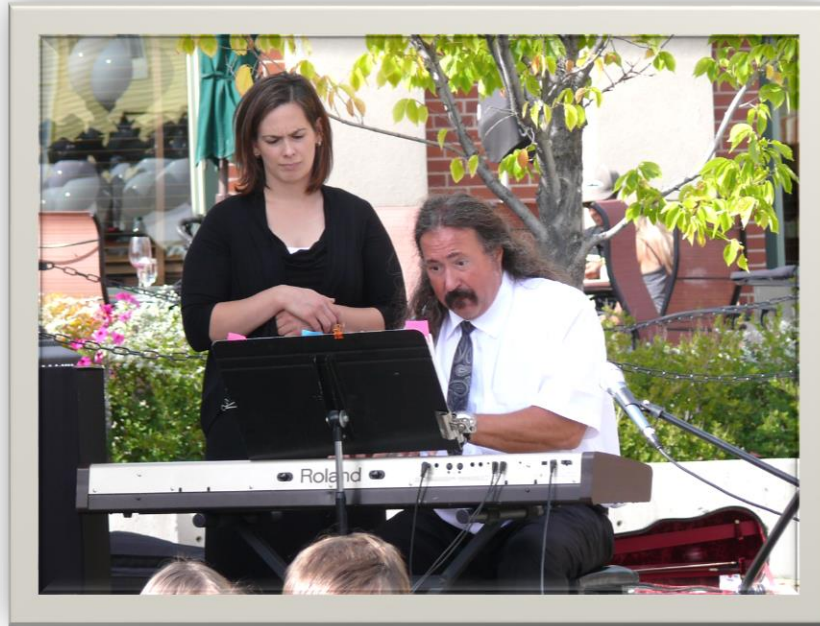


2013 CSSA Heritage Park Play-In Report

Sept 21, 2013



The CSSA Heritage Park Play-In - Thoughts from Steve Komar – Vice Chair CSSA



The 21st was a beautiful sunny autumn Saturday in September (although, a little blustery). We had a wonderful turn-out for CSSA's kick-off event for the 2013-2014 year – the annual CSSA Play-in at Heritage Park. The performers gathered at the Engineered Air Plaza at the entrance to the park. We had a terrific turn-out of violin, viola, cello and guitar students and families from the many studios throughout Calgary. The students ranged in age from 4 – 17 years, with some adult learners and alumni as well.

Suzuki teachers including Andrea Hudson, Heidi Behrenbruch and Joanne Melvin led the strings (violins, violas and cellos). The guitar students were featured in front of the stage and led by Mandy Loban-Jordan and Kim Aull. Steve Komar accompanied the group on the piano.

The program featured Suzuki repertoire from a playlist the students had been given. Tammy Poon, chair of CSSA introduced the program and welcomed the students and families. It was quite enjoyable to listen to the selections by the guitars, alternating sets of music, with the strings. The various Suzuki pieces featured ranged up to Book 5. The set-up this year was exceptional making the guitars clearly heard – thanks to the technical expertise of Damian Jordan and his sound crew. The strings played acoustically from the air-stage.

The program culminated with the Tutti, where all the students and teachers were finally gathered on the stage, with the guitars in front of the stage, playing the final numbers together. It was such a glorious finale to a splendid program by all the Suzuki string players. It's heartening to hear and see their smiles, talents and efforts showcased so wonderfully in this annual event.

Special thanks to Jo Morris and the staff of Heritage Park for providing such a wonderful venue, entrance to the park and special food/drink treat that allowed us to feature the music and talents of CSSA. As well, a special thanks to all the volunteers, parents and families without whom such an event would not have been such a success.

Steve Komar
Vice-Chair CSSA

Report of the CSSA Annual General Meeting on October 4th, 2013



On Friday October 4th we held the CSSA Annual General Meeting. It was held at Lakeview United Church. There were 13 people in attendance. The first order of business was to report on the previous year and then vote in the new Executive Committee for 2013/2014.

CSSA Executive Committee 2013/2014

Mandy Loban-Jordan & Damian Jordan – Co- Chairs

Steve Komar – Vice Chair

Katrina Lybbert – Secretary & Newsletter Editor

Cindy Lau – Treasurer

Joy Melchin – Membership Coordinator

Juan Campos – Webmaster

Andrea Hudson – Officer-at-large

Heidi Behrenbruch – Officer-at-large

Tammy Poon – Past Chair

Unfilled positions: Parent Rep/Volunteer Coordinator; Events Coordinator; Fundraising Coordinator

After the main business was over, we were presented with a great talk for parents by Suzuki violin teacher, Joanne Melvin. See the handout from her talk on the next page. Thanks to Joanne for a very motivating presentation.

We were entertained by Calgary's Gypsy Duo – Steve Komar (piano) and Igor Motchalov (violin). The music was very enjoyable. Thanks!

Thanks so much to Twisted Basil for the wonderful catering. The food was a delight.



Grow Your Own Talent!

*What Dr. Suzuki Said about Talent Then
What the Experts Say about Talent Now*

Joanne Melvin, SAA-Registered Teacher Trainer
Parent Talk, Friday, October 4, 2013
Calgary Suzuki Strings Association AGM

Outline

- “Everyone has a Sprout of Talent”
 - The “Attitude:” Limitless Potential, Continuous Growth
- “Knowledge plus 10,000 times is Skill”
 - The Magic Number 10,000
- “Never Hurry, Never Rest”
 - The Man Who Climbed a Mountain

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Future Events

The following events are in the works for 2013/2014. The dates are tentative and will be confirmed in a future edition of the Suzuki Quarter Note. Please stay tuned!

Non-competitive String Festival
May 9/10, 2014



Heritage Park Play-In
September 20, 2014



UPCOMING EVENTS.....

Teen Masterclasses

Week of November 4 – 9, 2013

We are very privileged to have the opportunity for CSSA senior students (Book 4+) to participate in violin masterclasses with Annalee Patipatanikoon, violinist of the famous Gryphon Trio.

The Gryphon Trio has won 2 Juno Awards, has many audio recordings, performs around Canada and the U.S. and can often be heard on CBC radio.

<http://www.gryphontrio.com/>

Contact your teacher for Registration information.

Winter Workshop

Saturday Morning February 8th, 2014

Bethany Chapel

3333 Richardson Way SW, Calgary

Watch your email for further details and registration information due out in December. There will be group classes, an option class, and a great performance.

The teens will also have an opportunity to participate in ensemble and a teen social.



Tips for Suzuki Parents – Great Books

Here are some books of great benefit to Suzuki Parents

Nurtured by Love by Shinichi Suzuki

Ability Development from Age Zero by Shinichi Suzuki

Helping Parents Practice: Ideas for Making it Easier by Edmund Sprunger

First Class Tips for Suzuki Parents

Winning Ways: Strategies for Suzuki Parents

Everything Depends on How We Raise Them: Educating Young Children by the Suzuki Method by Shigeki Tanaka

Teaching With An Open Heart by Edward Kreitman

To Learn with Love: A Companion for Suzuki Parents by William and Constance Starr

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If you would like to contribute to the next edition of the Suzuki Quarter Note, please send your submission to katrina@truelightacademy.com by December 31, 2013. Any information received after that date will be held in reserve until the next edition. Thank you for your contributions.

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