

April, 2013 Newsletter

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GNO Suzuki Forum Summer Institute 2013

Please save the date and make plans to attend this year's Suzuki Summer Institute, July 14-20th. Preparations are underway and we are excited about this year's exceptional teaching staff, new classes for advanced students, and countless other opportunities that will encourage and inspire students! You can register now on our website: gnosuzukiforum@gmail.com. Summer Institute information is under the right-hand tab labeled "Suzuki Summer Institute 2013".

Chocolate Fundraiser

We are offering our members the opportunity to sell chocolate bars towards Institute tuition, a new instrument, or anything musical. Each box costs you \$26.50 , but is resold for \$50. If you

would like more details on how to participate, please contact Rhonda Musso at [504-339-2812](tel:504-339-2812) for information.

Drawing Contest

We would like to invite all Suzuki Forum members to help us design our 2013 Summer Institute T-shirt! Draw a picture of what music means to you on an 8 ½ x 11 paper. You can bring them to group class or email them to ginacollins7@bellsouth.net. The deadline for the contest will be **May 15th**. The winner will be announced in our May newsletter and receive a Pinkberry giftcard!

Parent Sponsorship

If you have a business you would like to advertise on the back of the Summer Institute T-shirt, please email the Forum at gnosuzukiforum@gmail.com for more information.

May 10th Performance

Performance opportunities with the Forum are invaluable to students, young and old. It gives them the opportunity to review pieces and be prepared to be in front of an audience, it offers ways to serve the community, and provides a connection with other students in the Forum.

On May 10th we have the privilege of serving the residents of the John J. Hainkel Jr. Home and Rehabilitation Center with our smiling faces and beautiful music!

Performance time is 4:30 pm and the address is 612 Henry Clay Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118.

Since most will be coming from school, we will provide a snack for you to have after the performance. Please RSVP Gina Collins at ginacollins7@bellsouth.net by May 1st so that plans can be made accordingly. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Thank you to all of our Bach-Around-the-Clock performers!

The Suzuki Forum had a great performance at the annual Bach-Around-the-Clock concert at Trinity Episcopal. The group was led by Lauren Lemmler and Kathleen Tyree. Participants included Miles Lemmler, Charlie and Phillip Antis, William Puckett, Usha Ramdall, Soren Hickman, and Samuel, Joel and Benjamin Tyree. The GNO Suzuki Forum was joined by Lusher Elementary School students for a few pieces, led by Lulu Reeks. Thank you all for rising early on a Saturday morning to share your music with so many!

Encouragement Corner

Helpful advice from the Mom of Condoleezza Rice

In the March issue of **Southern Living Magazine** Condoleezza Rice was interviewed by Jenna Bush Hager. One of the questions Hager asked was:

“What is the best advice your mama gave you?”

Condoleezza replied, “I started playing the piano when I was 3. When I was 10 years old, I declared I wanted to quit. My mom, who was a musician said, “You’re not good enough, old enough or wise enough to make that decision.” So she’s the reason I got to play with Yo-Yo Ma and play for the Queen of England.”

Need some tips for practicing your musical instrument? Check this website out:

<http://www.hopestreetmusicstudios.com/articles/how-to-practice-a-musical-instrument>

Fidelity’s Concert in the Park

Make an effort to bring your entire family to LPO’s annual Swing in the Oaks concert, a **free** outdoor event featuring the **LPO and the Marine Corps Band New Orleans** in partnership with the Louisiana State University College of Music and Dramatic Arts. The concert is **Wednesday, April 24th** in **City Park** at **6:30 p.m.**, so arrive early to find a good spot!

One Final Note....

Dear Suzuki Forum Members,

I am excited to be able to serve the Forum as the new Membership Officer. Over the years my family has greatly benefited from participation with the Forum and the rich opportunities it provides. My children have had invaluable musical influence deposited in their lives through gifted and dedicated teachers, camp experiences, master classes, and performance opportunities in the most unique settings. All these have been the wonderful and necessary ingredients that have helped form them into the dedicated little musicians they are today (I know I'm their mom, but it's true 😊).

It will be my joy to help welcome new members, provide assistance in any way, and hopefully be part of your family's musical journey.

Sincerely,

Gina Collins