

Brant Suzuki String School Newsletter

January 2010



Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year's. Our Christmas Concert went well. It is always exciting to see everyone playing and enjoying music together. Thank you to Anne Howell and Monica Honeyman for sitting at the door and Richard Leadbetter and daughters who helped with the "Santa" gifts.

The New Year is always a time of renewal and growth and I hope that everyone takes this opportunity to renew their commitment to music education. There are great concerts coming up in the Brantford area and I encourage all students to attend and be inspired. The second solo recital is in January and many students have yet to perform this year.

All families are becoming busier and sometimes, when it comes to practicing, the focus can move away from learning together and towards the

number of minutes practiced. It is true that very few children will enjoy practicing all of the time. Yet with a little effort it can be a great time spent together for both you and your child. Enjoy music together and you will have a wonderful connection for life!

Get inspired by talking to your teacher, or going to the SAA web site (www.suzukiassociation.org).

Remember, you can always get an up-date and information from our web-site www.creativealt.com/brantsuzuki

I wish you and your family the very best this New Year and happy practicing.

Virginia Little

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Second Solo Recital - January 30, 2010



Our second solo recital will be held **January 30th**, at 2:00 pm at Wesley United Church. Please let your teacher know if you are playing on this recital by January 22nd. Let's not have everyone wait until the last recital this year. It makes the last one too long. One hour is long enough for students to sit. Participating students are asked to bring 1 dozen treats to share after the recital. Please keep in mind our students with peanut allergies. Your last opportunity to perform will be March 27th.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 2nd Solo Recital
- ◆ Celebrate Our Youth Concert
- ◆ Young Artists Recital



Instruments for Sale/Rent

Our instrument coordinator is Tracy Johnston. She can be reached at 519-759-0088. kaizenrobert@rogers.com Any rentals of violins and violas, or changes in instrument sizes should go through her. All cello rentals will continue to go through Tina Labanowicz 759-6542.

Pat Doucett has several full sized handmade violins for sale ranging in price from \$2000- \$3000 He can be reached at 519-287-2233 (Glencoe ON)

For Sale: ½ size Stenor violin outfit (new Dominant Strings) Asking \$225.00 Call: Liz Almeida 519-770-0083

For Sale: 1/4 size violin outfit. \$50.00 Call: Pam Thorpe 519-442-6710

Group Classes - Term 3 and 4

A group class schedule for the rest of the year is attached. This is a good time to make adjustments if you feel your child should move to another group. Please discuss this with your teacher. As always, be sure your child does not touch items belonging to the Day Care in the rooms we use for our groups. All items have to be sanitized if they have been touched.

*"The only worry for parents should be to bring up their children as noble human beings. That is sufficient."
- S. Suzuki*

Little String Orchestra News

Both Little String Orchestras will be performing at the "Celebrate Our Youth" concert at New Covenant Church on February 14th, at 3:00pm. There will be a short rehearsal for the Senior orchestra before the concert on the same day to run through the pieces we are playing together with the BCI Band. Tickets have been printed and will be available at January rehearsals. They are \$15.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Students and Seniors. Everyone not in the orchestra will need a ticket. Invite your family and friends.

Our **Workshop** is being planned for February 27th in Kitchener. More info will follow in an Orchestra Newsletter. The Senior Orchestra is performing on **March 7th as guests** of the Brantford Memorial Concert Band.



3rd Term Cheque Deposit

Your third term Cheques will be deposited January 18th. A \$15.00 service charge will be added to NSF Cheques.

Olympic Listening Charts

Be sure to return your "Olympic" listening charts to your teacher with parents' signature when they are completed. (by February 12th) **Olympic Medals will be given out at Groups Feb. 18th and 25th.**

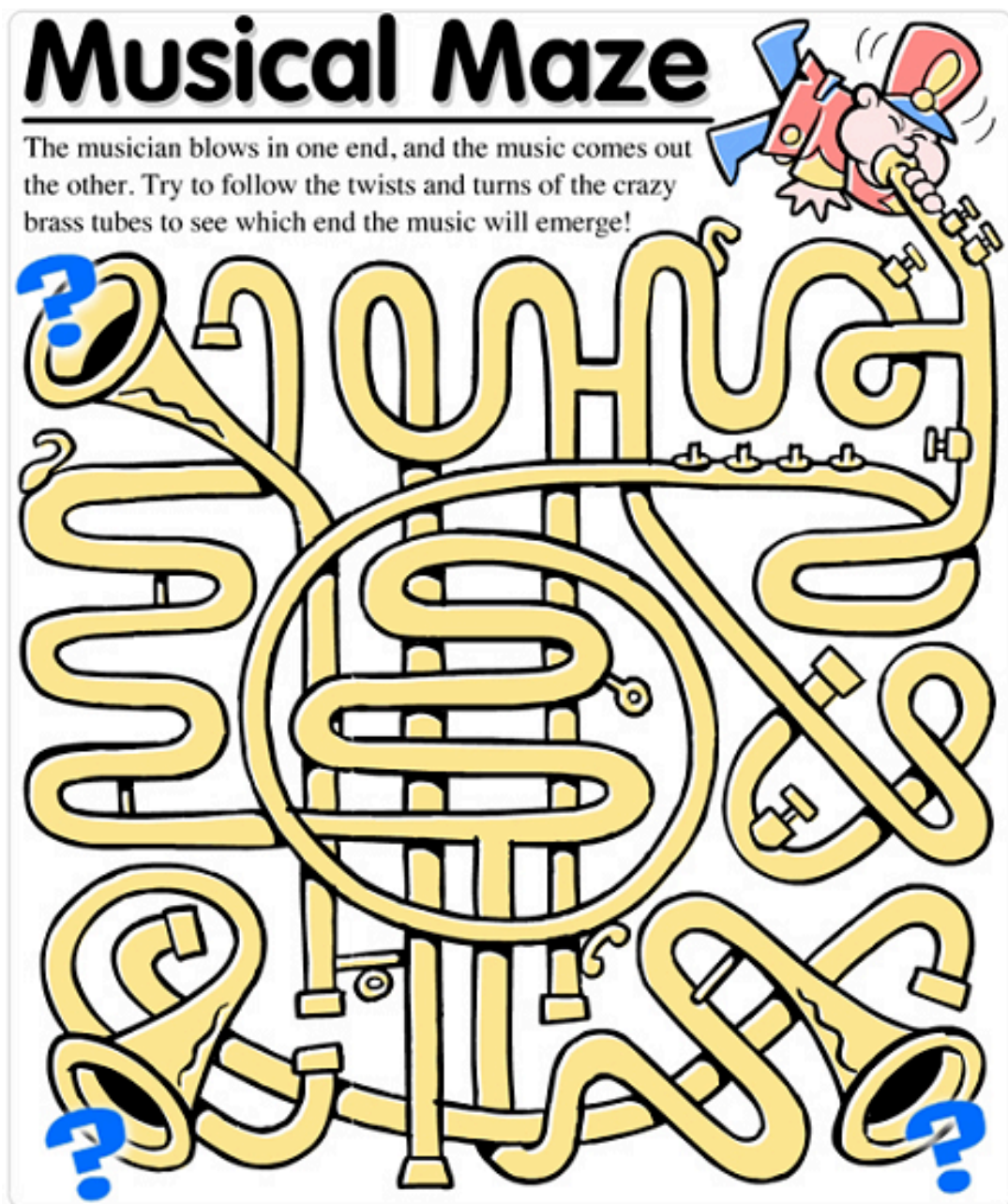
Congratulations to everyone who has been diligent with listening. Congratulations to the parents who have been playing the music every day! It makes a huge difference in your child's musical progress. Don't worry if you have missed a few days. Keep listening and return the chart at a later date. The names of "Good Listeners" will be published in the final Newsletter in the Spring.



Hundreds Club

The Hundreds Club was created to help students polish a piece to a high standard of excellence. You can get a chart from your teacher. Your teacher will hear the first and last repetition of your chosen piece. These names will also be published in the spring newsletter. Remember, practice makes permanent so please do your repetitions with thought and care and strive to improve your musicality and tone every time you play.

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