

HASSA Group Class - April 27, 2012



Our final group class for the year - a play-down of the top Suzuki hits of all time!

Nine Ideas for Summer Motivation!

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Don't get bogged down by the lazy, hazy days of summer. Eliminate the need for incessant "I'm bored" chanting. Use that extra time while school is out to add some fun new music activities!

1. Have a Practice Party! Invite friends over for an informal group practice and review session and finish with a party. Have snacks or a meal and enjoy some fun social time with friends.
2. Share your music with others! Take your instrument and visit a retirement center or nursing home, or just go to your local park or coffee shop. Everyone loves an informal concert.
3. Can you "Swim into Suzuki", or go "Bach to the Beach"? Put on your swimsuit and practice standing on your beach towel with your sunglasses. Then take a dip in the pool after you are finished (without the violin, of course!)
4. Attend an outdoor concert - Miller Outdoor Theatre has wonderful free concerts. Enjoy great music and theatre in an informal setting.
5. Attend a summer suzuki institute - a wonderful, motivational experience! For institute listings go to www.suzukiassociation.org for more information.
6. Take on a summer challenge - 100 days of practice, 99 repetitions of a piece, listen to your CD for 4 hours a day, etc. Set a new goal to complete before school starts again
7. Do a new project, or just double up and do extra on a current project - fiddling, composition, improvisation, theory, note reading, write an essay, write a violin journal...
8. Play in the HASSA Summer Community Service Concert in June. Ask your teacher or go to www.hassa.org for details.
9. Have a violin "staycation" and have an imaginary "visit" to a new place each week - ideas: Germany - the birthplace of Bach, Austria - home of Mozart, take an imaginary trip around the world with Aunt Rhody (where in the world is Aunt Rhody?), row your boat on the Great Lakes with Lightly Row (play a repetition for each lake), visit Japan and play an imaginary concert at Dr. Suzuki's school in Matsumoto, go to France with the Two Grenadiers, have a fox hunt in Germany with Hunter's Chorus... let your imagination run wild!

Got a question about HASSA?



Find the answer at www.hassa.org

Enjoy a fun and productive musical summer!

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Where love is deep, much can be accomplished. -Suzuki

"Art is not in some far-off place. A work of art is the expression of a man's whole personality, sensibility and ability"

-Shinichi Suzuki

Next HASSA Group Class: September 28, 2012

Have a great summer! We look forward to seeing you next year!