

Talent Education School of Southern Illinois, (618) 457-6300



Quick Calendar

KLASSICS FOR KIDS

March 3rd – 10 am

Altgeld Hall Room 112

Jazz

** SPRING BREAK **

March 8th – Mar. 15th, 2009

Contact your teacher for their break schedule!

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due 3/15 - Payment 8/11

\$10 late fee after 3/22

KLASSICS FOR KIDS

* *For the Kids Gala* *

March 20th, 6:30-9:30 pm

Dunn-Richmond Center

** TESSI RECITALS **

Sunday, April 5th

Civic Center Room 108

Time: TBA

KLASSICS FOR KIDS

April 7th – 10 am

Altgeld Hall Room 112

Musical Theatre

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due 4/15 - Payment 9/11

\$10 late fee after 4/22

** GOLD CUP RECITALS **

Sunday, May 3rd

Old Baptist Foundation
Recital Hall, SIUC

Times: TBA

Junior Festival

Another Junior Festival has come and gone. After many months of planning and preparation (and practicing!) by the students, teachers, and organizers, it all came down to one big weekend of great music on the SIUC campus.

The results are in, and all TESSI students who participated received Superior ratings. Way to go, everyone! In addition, a number of TESSI students will receive Gold Cups this year, and are invited to play at the annual Gold Cup recital on May 3rd at the SIUC campus.

Participants can earn Gold Cups for accumulating fifteen points in a given category. A superior rating is worth five points, so each Gold Cup a student earns represents a lot of time and effort.

Local Events

K4K: For the Kids Gala

The 3rd annual For the Kids Gala will be on March 20th, 2009 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center. This is a fundraiser for SIUC's Classics for Kids as well as Child Development Laboratories. The evening includes live music by the *Swivel Rockers*, a variety of local wines and beer, hors d'oeuvres and desserts and a silent auction. The Classics for Kids proceeds enable them to continue the programs in the summer. Please make

The Gold Cup recipients from our school for this year are:

Piano Solos:

1st Cups – *Adam Lahlou, Radia Lahlou, Alexandra Desrosiers*

2nd Cups – *Anthony Stoecker, Jasmine Noble, James Medwedeff*

3rd Cups – *Colleen Wood, Megan Wood, Hannah Bausch, Jayci Noble, Dara Weaver-Holmes, Tiffany Chou*

Clarinet Solo: 1st Cup, *Joseph Steinbock*

Guitar Solo: 2nd Cup, *Garrett Barr*

In conjunction with the festival, there was also a poster contest for the Music Olympics to be held in October 2009.

Radia Lahlou won first place overall!

Thank you *Samara Steinbock* and *Caitlin Sherwood* for your very artistic posters!

every effort to attend. It is always a fun evening. If you are interested in donating an item for the auction, or in volunteering, contact Classics for Kids at: k4kids@siu.edu

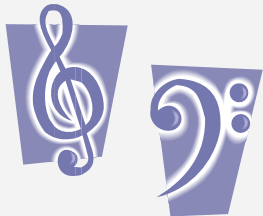
Referrals

Just a reminder that you can still get a \$10.00 rebate on tuition for each family that you refer to TESSI that results in a new enrollment. *Our thanks to Joan Sherwood for the referral of a new Wiggles N' Tunes family!*



Welcome New Students

*Samara Steinbock, guitar
(piano, and now guitar!)*



Open slots are available for preschoolers - ages 8-months thru 4 years.

See Teacher Alyce

Send Us Your News !!

If you have news to share, please send e-mail to newsletter@tessimusic.org with your submission, and we'll include it in the next issue. (You can also deliver them to us in person.)

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Lots of Student News Items !!

We've had a slew of news submissions since our last newsletter. Big thanks to those families who contributed!

Our congratulations go out to...

Jasmine Noble, piano: 1st Place and *Andrew Aaftaq*, guitar: 2nd Place in the Heartland Christian Conference Contest.

Anthony Stoecker and *Srinivas Panchamukhi* who both received their First Dan black belt in Tae Kwon Do at Black's martial Arts Academy on November 22nd, 2008.



Daniel Sherwood, who made the CCHS basketball team. *Go Terriers!* Off the court, Daniel received the Ad Altare Dei emblem from Bishop Edward Braxton at St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville on Sunday, February 15th. Ad Altare Dei (Latin for "To the Altar of God") is a religious medal earned in Boy Scouts.



Illinois National Junior Beta Club participants *Radia Lahlou*



(Living Literature) and *Joseph Steinbock* (Piano). Joseph placed first overall for his performance of Beethoven!



Tiffany Chou, who won a Youth Leadership Award and a \$500 scholarship for her essay: An Opportunity to be Heard: "Voting as Asian-Americans" from the Organization of Chinese Americans, St. Louis Chapter.



Tiffany was presented with her award on February 21, 2009 at the OCA-STL Annual Banquet, where she also performed 30 minutes of piano music prior to the banquet!

Michael Stucky, whose 5th-6th grade co-ed recreational soccer team took 2nd place in their final tournament of the season in Cape Girardeau, MO. Michael's trophy even lights up! (how cool is that ?)



Practice Does Pay !



Anthony Stoecker recently earned \$13.00 in tips (on Friday the 13th!) in 20 minutes while entertaining the diners with his piano music at Global Gourmet. (By our calculations, that's quite a bit better than minimum wage!)

Upcoming: Summer Music Festival

We're excited that another Summer Festival is coming our way in the not-so-distant future. Last year's performances were great, and this year's shows will include *Caitlin Sherwood* (piano) performing in the ballet *Coppelia* on June 19th and 20th. Be sure to attend!

General Reminders

Weather...

We are not out of the woods yet as far as Winter is concerned, so just in case...

When Carbondale public schools are closed due to inclement weather, TESSI will also be closed. If in doubt, please call TESSI for the recorded message or check Channel 12 (KFVS).

Late Fees...

Please remember that although we don't like to charge late fees, the policy will remain in place. All fees are due on the 15th of each month and late after the 22nd (or postmarked after the 22nd). Please do not ask your teacher to make an exception. A \$25 late fee will be assessed for all returned checks. Again, there are no exceptions to this policy.