

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



Quick Calendar

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due **9/15** – Payment 2/11
\$10 late fee after 9/22

RECITAL

Saturday, Sept. 28th

** First Christian Church **
306 W. Monroe, Carbondale
NOTE THE LOCATION
12:30 pm - All instruments

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due **10/15** – Payment 3/11
\$10 late fee after 10/22

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due **11/15** – Payment 4/11
\$10 late fee after 11/22

WEEK of THANKSGIVING

Nov. 24th - Dec. 1st

*Check with your teacher(s)
for their lesson scheduling
plans during that week.*

RECITAL

Saturday, Dec. 7th

** First Christian Church **
306 W. Monroe, Carbondale
Times TBA

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE

Due **12/15** – Payment 5/11
\$10 late fee after 12/22

WINTER BREAK

Dec 22nd - Jan 5th

*Check with your teacher(s)
for specific information
about their scheduling plans
for the Winter break.*

Greetings!

Hello! We hope that you all had a great summer and that everyone is getting settled into the new school year comfortably. We're kicking things off with a recital on Sep. 28th. Teacher Ken fills us in on his Bowed Psalterly program below. On page 2 you'll find some information on musical events both past and future involving TESSI students. Also, there is a large-ish list of new students to welcome (*nice to meet you!*) or who are moving up from pre-K classes to an instrument. (*awesome!*) We also share some thoughts on making sure practice happens, and as always, a calendar for reminders.

Bowed Psalterly Class

The BOWED PSALTERY class is 'progressive' (including a range of ages, abilities, learning styles and experience.) Ages 3 to 7 may join. Each class begins with Twinkle-based singing, rhythm & bow hold games - review for continuing students, and as we go on to Lightly Row, Song of the Wind, Go Tell Aunt Rhody..., new and younger students sing words & pitch names on songs the continuing students are polishing.

New kids are engaged or observing, and moms are also engaged playing all songs on psalterly and learning to teach the kids at home. There's an older girl (7) who learns fast and is ahead of the others. When fluent at all 9 songs, she graduates to violin.

The group has been very positive, but there's sometimes a 4-yr-old who refuses to participate - until drawn in by peer pressure. In that case there are many invitations to participate but no pressure. (S)he is allowed to listen and observe until ready to join in. Then (s)he is rewarded with praise.

Much of this class is parent-education. The parent should teach the child at home - as many short sessions as possible every day. Older students may choose to

start in the bowed psalterly class for a less expensive and more general foundation, and may eventually choose any other instrument, or may take bowed psalterly to a higher level.

There is now a growing "**Psaltery Symphony**" in Marion - adults who have graduated from the beginning class, have bought full-sized psalteries and are working on a wide array of pieces in harmony. And it's free!

Every April there is a 4-day weekend "**Psaltery Symphony**" in Beckley, WV (where bowed psalteries are made,) which is intense, inspirational, great fun - and free. Some of our members were at Beckley last year and loved it. Each year this event has been larger than the previous. Last year there were over 50 players.

To learn more about

- a) *psalterly as pre-violin*
- b) *psalterly as a folk instrument*
- c) *"Psaltery Symphony"*

contact teacher Ken at:

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Congratulations!

Ryan Cheng

Suzuki Piano Bk. 1 Graduate

Ryan performed his Suzuki Piano Book One Graduation at the May 25th violin group class!

Way to go on completing Suzuki Piano book one in only 5 short months!



2-1/2 – 5 years



A Place where Music is the Language and Fun is the Way of Life!

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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Student Practice

To TESSI Parent's:

Can you make your child practice? No, realistically you cannot. You can however, insist that they practice (or else!)

No, no, we aren't suggesting punishments, or even negative incentives. For young students, you might delay a favorite daily activity until after practice is done. Older students are busy with many different activities. Music practice can (and should) be treated as homework. Do you give them the choice to shirk homework in favor of other activities? Probably not. If they don't practice, they own that choice, but it can come with trade-offs as most choices in life do. Whether it is tied to curtailing other activities or something else, we trust you to find a creative way that works for your unique situation to make practicing the easier choice for your child.

Make your investment in music worthwhile.

Making payments and dropping your children off are NOT what the Suzuki method is about. One of your jobs as Suzuki parents is playing the Suzuki CD as often as possible. If you are like most families, you spend a lot of time in your car. Just pop in the CD and enjoy! Play the current CD, past CD's and future CD's (vary it to keep things fresh). You as the parents are also responsible for seeing to it that your children practice on a daily (or near daily basis). Hold them to it. Have them play for you!

Unprepared students make for inefficient use of lesson time spent covering the same material over and over, and slow (or no) forward progress. Please help us as teacher's to do what we love most - TEACH!
-- *We appreciate your help. Thanks!*

Violins at the Varsity

Thank you to all TESSI violinists who played on May 25th at the Varsity Center for the Arts in Carbondale as part of the musical entertainment at the 2nd Membership drive for the Carbondale Music Coalition (CMC). You played beautifully and represented TESSI very well. Much thanks!

Welcome New Students!

Abby Xiong, piano
Amelia Blakely, voice
Susan Saniie, voice
Joshua Cheng, violin
Alana Ellsworth, violin
Isaac Shaw, violin
Emma Turk, violin
Galen Chan Nam Va, violin
Gita Kohli, psaltery
Annie Calhoun, psaltery
Julia Ting, psaltery
Maria Jessup, piano
Lizzie Connelley, piano

Recital Dates

**September 28th, December 7th,
February 5th, April 6th and June 7th.**

*** Please note that ALL recitals this year will be held on Saturday at the First Christian Church, 306 W. Monroe St. in Carbondale.*

Be sure to mark your calendars!

Other Important Dates

10 PIANO ENSEMBLE CONCERT

(Bi-Annual)

Sunday, October 27 - 2:00 p.m. *Baldwin Piano and Organ, Herrin*

Rehearsal: Saturday, October 26th - 9:00 a.m. at Baldwin

JUNIOR FESTIVAL

February 15th and 16th, 2014

SIUC campus: Altgeld Hall & Old Baptist Foundation Chapel.