

Gulf Coast Music School
August 2013 Newsletter

This summer has been a lot of fun, and very busy for our students and teachers!

We had private lessons and violin/cello group classes all summer, two 4 week sessions of Chamber Music Classes, a wonderfully successful String Camp with violins, violas and cellos and teachers from Great Britain and Massachusetts, concerts at Kaiser University and the Unitarian Universalist Church, and the teacher/parent education class: Every Child Can!©. This is the first time that we have offered group classes, chamber music classes and concerts during the summer. The classes and concerts were fantastic. In fact, we are already planning chamber music classes, group classes, and extending String Camp to two weeks for next summer. Please keep this in mind for next year!

Important Dates

Fall Semester: 8/5/13 – 1/5/14

No Violin/Cello Group Classes: 8/12/13 and 9/2/13 (yes, there are private lessons those weeks)

The Fall 2013 Schedule is posted on www.gulfcoastmusic.org

Every Child Can! © Education Class ~ August 31, 2013

The Classical Virtuosi of Ave Maria strings program has coordinated a very important Suzuki **Every Child Can** Training Class (ECC). It is highly recommended that you attend this training if you have a young child learning how to play an instrument, or if you teach an instrument to a young child. The facilitator will be Carol Sykes, a registered SAA Violin Teacher Trainer. She has served as a consultant, guest clinician and teacher trainer at Workshops and Institutes in the USA, Germany, Canada, and Japan. They have arranged for her to do a special training for parents. The ECC training class will be on Saturday, August 31st from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Ft Myers. Lunch and materials are included. The cost is \$150. You can pay by cash, check, credit or debit card. If you pay by check, please make out the check to *Ave Maria Community Orchestra*. For those parents who cannot pay the full \$150 at this time, they are offering the opportunity for you to pay in two payments with the 1st payment of \$75 due now and the balance due by Friday, August 30th. The deposit of \$75 is non-refundable if you were to cancel before August 30th. It is highly recommended that the parent helping the child with daily practice attend this first training and introduction to Dr. Suzuki and his philosophies to better understand the role of the parent in the child's journey, and learning how to play the violin, cello, viola, or other instrument the Suzuki way.

To prepare for this course, please read *Nurtured by Love* by Dr. Suzuki.

The revised book is available at <http://suzukiassociation.org/store/364/>

A notebook is also needed for the course. An ECC course book will be provided for the class.

No instruments are needed for the course.

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