

Dear Gulf Coast Music Families,

We have an exciting workshop planned for our students! I have attached Joan Stewart's bio. She's an amazing teacher and we are so pleased that our students will have a chance to work with her! I am encouraging ALL of our violin students to participate in this workshop. Renata's group class will have music to prepare and I will share that soon. Please submit your payment this week, so we can distribute the music for Renata's class. It's a great piece! There are scholarships available for this workshop. Contact me for info.

Sunday, April 3, 2022 at the FMEF Church, 6798 Plantation Pines Blvd, Ft Myers, FL 33966

Here's the planned schedule:

- 1:00pm Master Class (4 students, Pretwinkle-Etude share 1 hour)
- 2:00pm Group Class (Pretwinkle- Etude)
- 3:00pm Group Class (Minuet 1 - Gossec, Gavotte)
- 4:00pm Group Class (Renata's Reading class (Book 3 and up)
- 5:15pm Master Class (3 students, Minuet 1 and up level, share 1 hour)

Workshop Fee \$40 per student

Students are welcome to come earlier than their scheduled group time to observe or play if they know the pieces.

Master Class Fee \$25

Master Classes are set up with students sharing private lessons. Parents and students stay and observe the other lessons in the class. There will be 2 master classes, one before the workshop and one following the workshop. You may request a spot and we will schedule the students. Please write a separate check for the master class fee.

You can text or email me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Chris

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Joan began her studies in Iowa at the age of 5 as a Suzuki violin student. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from the University of Northern Iowa, and was an eight year member of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony and the Chamber Orchestra of Iowa. She received her Master's Degree in Music Performance from Southern Illinois University where she studied with John Kendall.

In 1991, Joan moved to Bermuda and joined the faculty of the Bermuda Conservatory of Music. While there, Joan performed on many faculty recitals as soloist and in ensemble groups. She was also a member of the Pembroke Players String Quartet, the Dayelsford Sinfonia, and performed under the baton of Yehudi Menuhin.

Since moving to Naples in 2003, Joan has developed a thriving Suzuki violin/viola teaching studio. Many of her students have won area competitions, and she has had many graduates go on to pursue

degrees and careers in music. Her most advanced students make up the touring group Stewart Strings, which has completed tours to Bermuda, Calgary Alberta, and Salzburg, Vienna, and Prague.

Joan performs with many area orchestras, including the Punta Gorda Symphony, Paradise Strings, and the Naples Community Orchestra. She also performs as a strolling violinist, and has performed regularly in chamber groups since 1991.