



CCSA Offers Violin Class at Holman School

A mini-grant received last spring from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs allowed us to offer violin instruction at E.B. Holman School in Houghton County's Stanton Township, which has no music program. The group met once a week during the school day. At the end of the project, CCSA Violin Instructor Wendy Larson led some of her Holman students in their first-ever public performance at the CCSA Halloween Recital.

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This fall the CCSA received an operating grant through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs from funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Only 30% of organizations that applied were selected to receive funding. The fact that the CCSA was chosen shows that the Council recognizes the value of our program, even in tough economic times. The MCACA grant has been a key component of our budget for many years, and we are grateful for the support.



**The Joy of Music:
CCSA Cellist
Sam Dix**

Suzuki Milestones!

Congratulations to these students who recently completed a Suzuki book or achieved another milestone:

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| Sylvia Binkley — Book 2, violin | Seth Helman — Book 2, violin |
| Trent Bukovich — Book 1, cello | Kaaren Liston — Book 1, viola |
| Grant Frederickson — 100 twinkles | Cynthia Naber — Book 1, piano |
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Musical Musings

Dear Friends,

The Copper Country Suzuki Association provides the opportunity for children and adults to learn music through individual lessons, to play music with others in group classes or in an orchestra, and to share their music with the community. In addition to playing for over 900 people this fall at Open Houses in elementary schools and at the Portage Lake District Library, students performed at the 9th Annual Halloween Recital at the Bluffs Senior Residence, playing to an audience of over 150 residents, parents, and supporters.

Yet the CCSA provides much more behind the scenes. During a recent afternoon rehearsal of our Keweenaw Youth Symphony Orchestra, one young musician's bow broke while playing. I observed another eagerly offer his spare bow as a replacement. Later in the rehearsal, another musician chose to stay and listen to the rest of the KYSO practice a piece that she wasn't playing on. Later still, a visiting prospective student standing near the players announced with delight, "The floor rumbles when the cello plays!"

The value of kindness. The desire to reach new horizons. The thrill of discovery.

Making music is worthwhile just for the joy it brings. But it does much, much more than that. It has the power to change lives. Your support of the CCSA makes it possible, and as always, I thank you for that.

Susan

Susan Dlutkowski
CCSA Board President



Winter
2009-10



**Poor Artists' Sale,
Calumet HS Gym**
December 5 • 1:00pm

**CCSA Holiday Recital,
McArdle Theater – MTU**
December 9 • 6:30pm

**Carnegie Museum
Holiday Open House,
Houghton**
December 15 • 6:00pm

**Heikinpäivä Perform-
ance, Finnish-American
Heritage Ctr., Hancock**
January 30 • 11:30am

**Solo Recital,
Chapel of St. Matthew,
Finlandia University**
February 14 • 2:00pm

**KYSO &
CCSA Preparatory Strings
Annual Concert**
February 27 • see details
below

**Annual Low Strings
Extravaganza: Viola/Cello
Solo Recital,
The Bluffs, Houghton**
March 24 • 6:30pm



**Keweenaw Youth Symphony Orchestra &
CCSA Preparatory Strings Annual Concert**
Libby Meyer & Maggie Twining, conductors
Saturday, February 27 • 7:30pm

Finnish-American Heritage Center, Finlandia U.
Music of Beethoven, Holst, Bartok, fiddle selections,
and more! • Free Admission

Student Spotlight: Martin Schutte

How long have you taken lessons with the CCSA?

I have been taking lessons with CCSA for two years; this is my third year taking lessons with Libby.

How many years have you played the violin?

I started playing the violin a few months before my fourth birthday. It was very slow at first, I first used to practice with a foam violin and foot chart. I got a real violin around the time of my fourth birthday and I did my "Twinkle" graduation when I was four and a half. I am twelve years old now so you could say that I have been playing the violin for the past eight years or so. I have pretty much been playing the violin my entire life.

What kind of music do you like to play?

I really like fiddle music and orchestral music although most of what I've played so far have been solo pieces.

Do you have a favorite composer?

I like Vivaldi. I also like the overture to Carmen by Bizet.

Do you play any other instruments?

I play the saxophone in band at school. I started out playing alto sax but switched this year to tenor sax.

Do you have a memorable "musical moment" or accomplishment?

My favorite memory is from the first time I went to the American Suzuki Institute at UW-Stevens Point. I will never forget being one of over 200 kids playing Twinkle at the same time and ripping the tape that marks our spots after the concert. The other kids and I made big balls with the tape and then tried to get them to stick to the ceiling.



Martin Schutte — Masked and unmasked

Is anyone else in your family musical? Do you play music together?

We haven't played together but we all play different instruments. My Dad plays the trumpet, my sister plays the flute, and my Mom plays the piano. My sister also learns with the Suzuki method and is part of KYSO.

Any other interests you'd like to list?

I also enjoy swimming, snowboarding, and mountain biking.



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Cheryl Cohen
Wes Davis
Anna Ensminger
Emma Garipey
Brandon Jones
Brandy Kinnunen

Molly McKenzie
Dong-Yeh Min
Bria Neves
Sophia Olsson
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WELCOME EVERYONE!