



Meet Our 2006 - 2007 Staff!

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FOUND!



A red and blue boy's child coat left behind at group classes a few weeks ago

Blue and black water shoes left at BBQ last year

Black metronome/tuner

Thanks to Our Volunteers

In addition to the regular work that is done on a volunteer basis by the board and our dedicated teachers, we'd like to acknowledge...

Krista Vokey and David Sing, for their dedication in managing the refreshment table at the solo concerts, graduation concert, as well as registration and Christmas potluck

Sean Tiller, for designing a public relations package for STEP, as well as providing his excellent piano tuning service for Jennifer Johnson's recital. Sean serves all areas of NL, St. Pierre et Miquelon, and can be reached at 747-8321 or stiller@roadrunner.nf.net.

Jennifer Johnson, for a spectacular benefit recital, from which she donated all proceeds to STEP to support the program's growth. Jennifer is on maternity leave and we wish her all the best, with our love for baby boy Sidney :)

Heather Patey, for handling all STEP related email inquiries, and being an excellent Web mistress to our new Web site: [http://www.nfld.com/~step/!](http://www.nfld.com/~step/)

Richard Gosse and Sandra Luscombe, a lawyer and a doctor, for their tireless work in organizing the solo concerts, bringing a fresh approach to the concert registration process... that's in addition to being Suzuki parents to three young talented violinists!

Sue Stylianidies, for finding the sponsors for the play-a-thon, assistance with the newsletter, and being an excellent volunteer coordinator

Len King, for taking the time to help us move donated furniture into STEP's new office in the Arts and Culture Centre!

Introducing Jodie Rice, our new Master of Instruments! This is a position defined in our constitution, and Jodie will be providing quality care and management for our rental instruments.

Volunteers Needed...

Help Us Make It Even Better :)



Message From the Chair

Merry Christmas! What an active fall for the STEP program. We started the 2006-2007 year with our annual registration play-in and potluck, celebrated our graduates with the October concert, enjoyed many solo performances at the November concert, and wrapped up with a great Christmas play-in last weekend. Performing is such an important part of the Suzuki program, to share polished pieces and celebrate the progress of our young musicians.

These are exciting times for the STEP program. Last year, the Board identified several key goals, which we felt were vital to the development and maintenance of our program. Volunteer burnout has been a chronic problem since the early days of STEP, and the administrative duties often left each Artistic Director with little time to develop the program and explore opportunities for the students. At last, things have fallen into place! STEP now has an office and a full-time Program Administrator, Tzu-Hao Hsu. I would like to thank the administration of the Arts and Culture Centre for providing the office space free of charge, and especially Board members Janet Russell and Valerie Howe for all their hard work to obtain outside funding for the Program Administrator position.

Communication between the Board, the teachers, and the membership often suffered. In 2005-2006, Tammy and Ian Gillies designed a Web site for STEP, which is now maintained by Heather Patey. Heather has done a great job updating the site, transferring material from the old site, and adding additional features.

2007-2008 will mark the 25th anniversary of the Suzuki program, and a number of events are being planned to celebrate. We can look forward to a fall concert, featuring our accomplished alumni; a spring gala, and perhaps an exchange trip for our senior students and fiddlers. A number of committees will be struck in the New Year; please consider offering your time and talents to any of our silver anniversary celebrations.

We welcome a new teacher to the STEP faculty, Julia Bowdring. Julia started as a pre-Twinkler many years ago, and now she is teaching our beginning fiddlers, the Val Ryan class. Welcome aboard, Julia!

And finally, congratulations to Jennifer Johnston and her husband on the birth of their new baby, Sydney. Jennifer has been an integral member of STEP: a teacher, an artistic director, and now she's a Suzuki mom. J

Our students have worked hard this fall, and I look forward to hearing their beautiful music in the solo concerts and group classes over the winter. On behalf of the Board of the Suzuki Talent Education Program, I wish our membership and their families a fun and safe holiday season.

Jennifer Budden, Chair
Suzuki Talent Education Program



Have You Heard...?

On November 26th, a group of STEP violin students under the direction of Christina Smith, long time supporter and teacher of STEP program, visited Chancellor Park Senior Home to give a spectacular concert for the residents of the care home.

The visit is a strictly volunteer project planned and executed by the students of Christina's Veracini group class, who are Maria Bath, Darhen Vokey-Sing, Valerie Hewson, Daria Snow, Elliott Wheeler and Theo Stylianides. With ages range from 10 to 14 years old, these excellent young people acted as a team to coordinate and plan an entertaining event for their community - giving up their chance to see the Santa Claus Parade!



The performance was very well received by the residents, who have invited the students to return in the New Year for more quality music entertainment. A resident, who was a former harpist with a German orchestra, commended the group on their musical excellence and professionalism.

STEP would like to involve itself in more community service activities, and we thank Christina and the students for setting an excellent example and representing us well. Perhaps it is time for everyone to start speaking to your teachers about possibilities and Tzu-Hao Hsu, Program Administrator, will be more than happy to find and supply you with opportunities!

And just so you know, Valerie Kent, reporter with the Newfoundland Herald, has contacted us regarding possibility of an article on the Veracinis' performance in the next issue. So keep a look out for the students, they sure earned their right to be in print!

Bravo Veracinis! We are proud of your accomplishment and eagerly await news regarding your next performance. :)



Tzu-Hao Hsu (on your left wandering the halls of Arts and with giraffes and antelopes), Culture Centre. Her email is recent graduate of Memorial hsutzuhao@gmail.com should you have questions or suggestions to help her improve her performance. Tzu-Hao thanks the STEP board for giving her this excellent opportunity and looks forward to serving you all!

she is very excited to come aboard and invites everyone to say hi when they see her

Talk of the Rock: Congratulations Graduates!

VIOLIN TWINKLE

Jane Hutchings
Eleanor Patey
Anna Schamper
Conrad Trela

VIOLIN BOOK 1

Leslie Amminson
Naomi Brown
Sarah Harris
Emily Howe
Deirdre Maguire
Jean Patey
Laura Snow

VIOLIN BOOK 2

Adele Forward
Niamh Maguire
Zara Tai Matthews
Timothy Randell
Jacquelyn Redmond
Clara Steeves
Leah Vokey Sing

VIOLIN BOOK 3

Joshua Bath
Iona Stylianides



VIOLIN BOOK 4

Daria Snow
Darhen Vokey Sing

VIOLIN BOOK 5

Katrina Bartellas
Valerie Hewson
Theo Stylianides
Elliot Wheeler

VIOLIN LEVEL 6

Danielle Greene
Anna Stylianides

VIOLIN LEVEL 7

Danielle Greene
Anna Stylianides

VIOLIN LEVEL 8

Julia Bowdring
Dominic Greene

CELLO BOOK 1

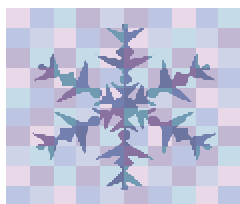
Daniel Brown
Liam Rice

CELLO BOOK 2

Julia Macdonald

CELLO BOOK 3

Graham Hunt
Alex Macdonald
Michael Whitman Furey



A Little Reminder...

Please do not move the cushions in the pews of St. David's Church!

The cushions are mainly used by the elderly or less mobile members of the congregation and it is understandably frustrating when they have to look for their comfort on Sunday mornings.

Emails

If you are not getting emails from STEP please let Heather Patey, our Web Mistress and emailer extraordinaire, know by sending her an email at step@nfld.com. We have also heard through the grapevine that Hotmail is dumping STEP messages as SPAM, should this problem occur with any other popular mailing system, such as Yahoo or Gmail, please bring it to our attention.

Calling all Techies!

In reviewing STEP's inventory while setting up the office, we have found some very important materials that documents STEP's history and teaching philosophy! These videos and music are currently recorded on VHS and cassette tapes, and we need some help transferring them to DVDs and CDs for a more updated format, easier access and storage. If you are able to help us with this or knows someone who can, please give us a shout! :)

In Memoriam

Professor Ming Hsiung Kao was a beloved father and well respected peer among the academics of Memorial University's Biology Department and the local community. STEP pays our respect through a donation to the Bliss Murphy Centre in Professor Kao's honour; our hearts go out to Heather and her family and we wish to express our sincerest sympathies for this unfortunate loss.



Christmas Play-In

Our annual Christmas play-in took place at St. Mark's Anglican Church on Logy Bay Road, on December 2nd, a snowy Saturday morning. Despite the poor road condition that day, everyone showed up enthusiastic and psyched about the performance. We must say we

love seeing your faces bright up with confidence and excitement!

The concert began with demonstrations from the Pre-Twinkle class, who showed us the importance of starting early and we saw some definite potentials there for future stars. Then Suzuki students of varying level and age launched into a diverse program that took us to Baroque times and back, with some Christmas songs as well to reflect the season's joy.



No Christmas play-in would be complete without a special guest... And guess who, upon hearing our group's lovely Twinkle, dropped by for a visit? Why, Santa of course! You know Twinkle is his FAVOURITE song in the world. Jolly Old Nick joined his long time friend Christina and program members for some hugs and songs, and we have to admit Christmas really really wouldn't be the same without our dear Santa. Thanks again for dropping by, Mr. Claus, and don't forget to say hi to the missus!

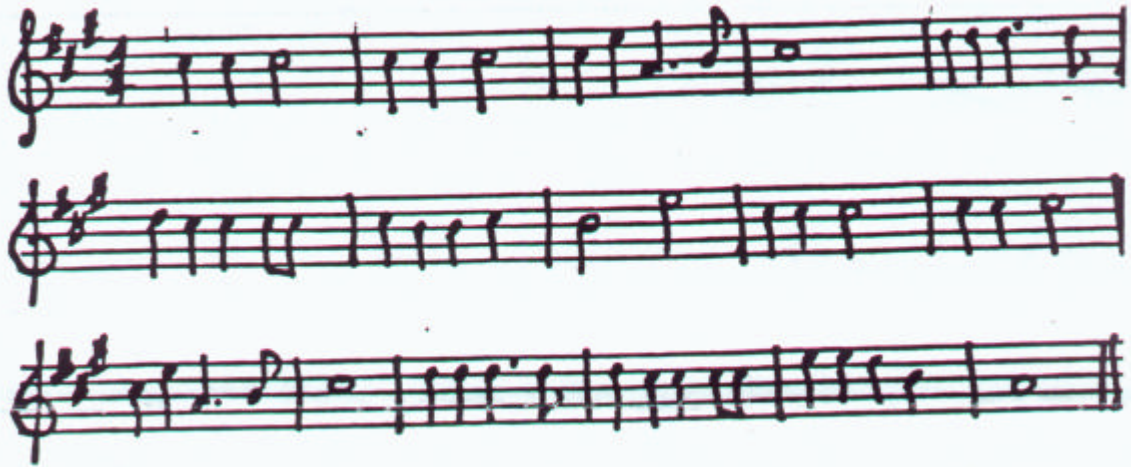


While the fiddler groups were not included on the day's program, they were very generous and showcased their musicianship during the potluck afterwards, performing several tunes under Julia and Christina's directions. Thank you fiddlers, nothing makes a Newfoundland party more complete than folk tunes performed by those with a passion for this unique musical heritage!

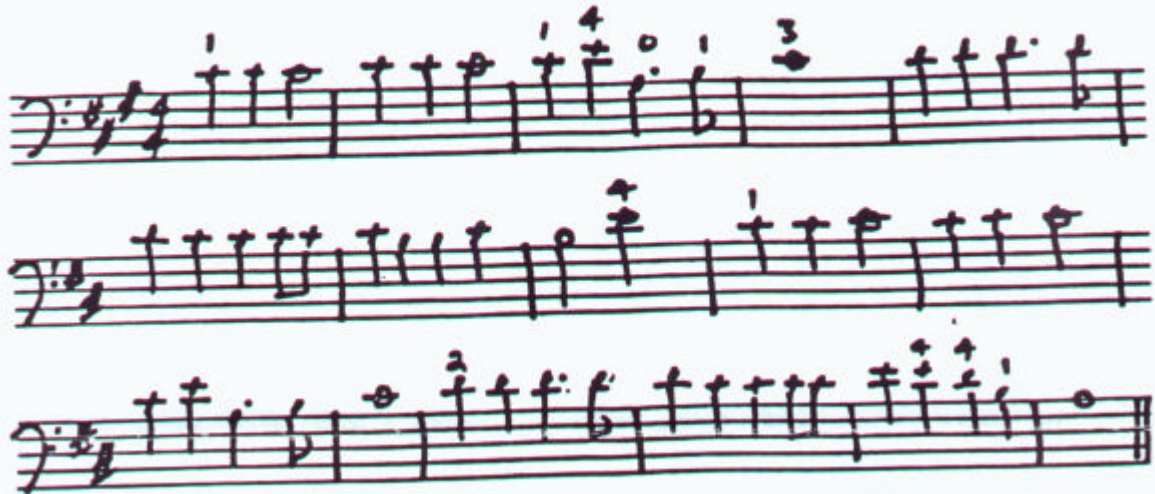
Of course, we can't forget to thank those who pitched in time and effort to make sure this concert ran smoothly. Our thanks to St. Mark's Anglican Church for the space, afterall, location does make everything. We thank Nancy for organizing a fabulous program and the teachers for leading and co-ordinating the performances and helping the students prepare. We thank Krista and Dave for organizing the potluck portion so we all got to enjoy gourmet STEP family cuisine. We thank the students for their dedication and hard work in order to present us with the spectacular program that they did, and always, always, we thank the parents for their continued support and encouragement, without which it would not be possible. It has been a fantastic year so far, and we look forward to an even better New Year as we prepare for the 25th anniversary celebration.



Jingle Bells



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Here Comes Santa Claus

Handwritten musical notation for the first system of 'Here Comes Santa Claus'. It consists of four staves in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notation includes notes, rests, and fingerings (0-3). The first staff has fingerings: 0 1 0 3 0 1 0 3 0 2 1 2. The second staff has fingerings: 0 2 1 0 0 2 1 2 3 2 3. The third staff has fingerings: 0 2 1 0 3 1 0 3 2 0 3 2 1. The fourth staff has fingerings: 0 2 1 0 3 1 0 1 3 2 1 0 3.

Here Comes Santa Claus

Handwritten musical notation for the second system of 'Here Comes Santa Claus'. It consists of four staves in bass clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notation includes notes, rests, and fingerings (0-4). The first staff has fingerings: 0 1 0 4 0 1 0 4 0 2 1 2. The second staff has fingerings: 0 2 1 0 0 2 1 2 4 3 3 4. The third staff has fingerings: 1 4 3 1 0 3 1 0 4 4 1 0 4 4. The fourth staff has fingerings: 1 4 3 1 0 3 1 1 4 3 1 0 4.

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Thursday: 5- 8

Office Hours

That's right, folks, we have an office! It's situated on the third floor of Arts and Culture Centre's North Wing, take the elevator next to Irwin's Court to the third floor and just follow the signs! Tzu will be there to greet you Tuesdays from 9am to 12pm, Wednesdays from 12pm to 5pm and Thursdays from 5pm to 8pm, Fridays by appointment, and she can be reached at hsutzuhao@gmail.com or 691-2545.

Instruments For Sale

VIOLINS

- 1/10 Nancy Shouse (Cremona - needs bow rehaired - \$100) 753-6504
- 3/4 Nancy Shouse (Strunal, bought new several years ago, selling at cost, excellent sound - \$500) 753-6504
- 1/8 Diane Hollett (Stentor violin kit: violin, case, bow; bow tip needs work but violin and case are in great shape - \$175) 747 - 8321
- 1/10 Janet Hewson (Suzuki with bow - \$175) 753-8434(H) 729-4505(W)
- 4/4 Anne Ryan (Never used - \$300) 753-0401
- 1/2 Karen Fitzgerald (Suzuki; with bow, case and kun shoulder rest - \$300) 745-3748
- 1/16 Colette Phillips (Suzuki - \$250) 437-6480
- 1/4 Colette Phillips (Suzuki - \$250) 437-6480



CELLO

- 1/2 Elizabeth Macdonald (Suzuki with new strings comes with case and bow - \$650) 739-6677 or srm@nl.rogers.com
- 1/2 Elizabeth Macdonald (European comes with case and bow - \$800) 739-6677 or srm@nl.rogers.com
- Full Laura Ivany (With bow and hard traveling case. All new strings, and has had bridge work and finger-board work in the past 2 years. 7 years old - \$1200) laura_ivany@hotmail.com

MISCELLANEOUS

Latex "Strad pad" Catherine Leung (new - greatly reduces chin irritation) 583-2832

If you would like to have an instrument listed for sale, or if you have sold the instrument listed, please call the STEP phone line at 691-2545 or email step@nfld.com, subject "Classified," to inform us.

Thanks for Reading, Merry Christmas!