

# NEWSLETTER

## **A Message from the President – Bonnie Roesch**

This is our final newsletter for the year, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making this such a wonderful year of VSSA activity. Parents, teachers, accompanists, and last but not least, board members contribute their expertise, time, and energy to ensure that the activities of this organization are meaningful for and beneficial to its' participants. Thank you!

**Sign up today** or on February 6 to attend our **Star Wars-themed workshop on February 20**. Aside from a small registration fee, the cost of this day-long event is included in group lesson fees. Workshop registration forms are being distributed today – sign up for this opportunity to work with guest clinicians. Forms are also available on our website. No same day registration. Everyone, please note that we are using a new location for our workshop this year. Thanks to Lani Hill, our Workshop Coordinator, for organizing this very motivating and educational event for our students!

Our **Final Concert on March 26** during normal group lesson time will be held at “**Mi Casa Nursing Home**”. We hope that all VSSA students come to perform for the residents at “Mi Casa” at this special Concert. See below for more details about this performance, and please have your child review the repertoire for this performance during the month of March:

**Location:** Mi Casa Nursing Home - 330 South Pinnacle Circle, Mesa. From US 60 and Higley, go north to Broadway, east on Broadway, pass Recker, north on S 63rd St, west on E Arbor Ave, and left onto S Pinnacle Circle. From US 60 and Power, go north to Broadway, west to S 63rd St and then follow the above directions.

**Times:** Tuning 8:50, rehearsal 9:00, Concert 9:30-10:30. Something yummy on the patio immediately after.

**Concert Dress:** VSSA formal concert attire - black bottoms, white tops, and black dress shoes

**The ensemble class will perform, and then Suzuki repertoire will be performed by all students in play-down style (beginning with the most advanced and then adding students to the performing group as they come to their polished piece). Review lists will be distributed at group lesson and emailed out to all as the concert time approaches.**

## Class Schedule

2015-2016

**January 23\***

**February 6\***

**February 20 VSSA WORKSHOP**

**At Tempe Preparatory  
Academy**

**Full day schedule**

**March 5\***

**March 26 Final Concert**

**At Mi Casa Nursing Home**

**\* indicates recital days**

## VSSA RECITALS

### Notes for Parents:

- Recitals take place in the gym between classes at VSSA group lessons.
- Your child's piece should be polished, performance-ready, and approved by your private lesson teacher. *Remember that the best recital piece may not be your child's most recent; consider a piece your child learned several months ago and has had the chance to really polish.*
- Your private teacher will be contacted approximately two weeks prior to your child's recital to confirm the piece that your child will play. You will be cc'd on the email if you provided an email address for parent and teacher.
- Performers are encouraged to dress nicely, but black and white is not required.
- Piano accompaniment is available. Should you need to rehearse prior to the recital, contact Martha.
- If your child is playing a piece that is not in the Suzuki literature, please bring the piano part with you.
- If you need to reschedule or would like to add a recital for a student who did not sign up by the deadline, contact Martha to be placed on a waiting list.
- Please remind children in the audience of proper recital etiquette. Please exit and enter between pieces. If you need to use the restroom during the recital, please enter from the doors outside the gym.

### 2015-2016 Recital Schedule

#### January 23, 2016

Willem Weiss	Ellie Weiss
Alex Davi	Megan Davi
Sarah Davi	Tessa Letham
Audrey Fees	

#### February 6, 2016

Joshua Turley	Rebecca Turley
Hannah Turley	Kate Christensen
Hannah Hill	Karlie Wilcox
Madison Wilcox	

#### March 5, 2016

Sam Ellingson	Khloe Sundaram
Heather Vogler	Lisa Vogler
Jessica Vogler	

- If your child's name is spelled incorrectly above, please let Martha know so it can be fixed for the recital certificate! Also, please let me know if your child's name is missing, and we will get it right into a recital. Thank you all for preparing your children for recital success!

### Questions?

Contact Martha Vogler at [vogler9@gmail.com](mailto:vogler9@gmail.com) (preferred), 480-207-1159, or 480-233-3769.

**Many thanks** to parent volunteer Sara Turley for providing piano accompaniment!

If your child has not yet performed, and you do not see their name on this calendar, please contact Martha Vogler asap at [vogler9@gmail.com](mailto:vogler9@gmail.com) (preferred) or 480-207-1159, so she can add them to the schedule. We don't want to leave anyone off, and we'd love the chance to hear everyone perform.

Thank you.

# Valley of the Sun Suzuki Workshop 2016!

**SAVE THE DAY: Saturday, February 20, 2016 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Theme: Suzuki Loves Star Wars!**

Plan on attending VSSA's annual winter workshop in Tempe, Arizona. Join us in welcoming our guest clinicians for a day of fun and learning. The winter workshop helps provide a little break from your everyday routine, and you get to spend the day with other Suzuki families. It's a great time for parents to network about practice tips and for the students to see others Suzuki students in action!

## Guest clinicians

Violin: Leslie Turner, Laura Tagawa, Karin Hallberg, Carol Sue McKenzie

Cello: Pamela Richardson

Music and Movement: Cathy Shepherd

The day for most students will consist of:

- a group class
- a masterclass for those playing Song of the Wind and beyond
- a music/movement class
- an ensemble performance class, to practice Star Wars music!
- a final concert

Students who play Twinkle through Song of the Wind will have the same schedule, but without a masterclass.

Included in tuition: classes listed above; lunch and snack; T-shirt.

Registration forms will be posted on the VSSA website [www.valleysuzuki.org/for-parents.html](http://www.valleysuzuki.org/for-parents.html) by January 23, 2016. Postmark due date for registrations is Feb 10; late fee after that.

Any questions? Contact Lani Hill, [blumesa@byu.net](mailto:blumesa@byu.net) or 480-688-9285 (cell).

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## **Workshop Bonus: Prize Raffle and Tuition Drawing!**

Tuition Drawing: 1/2 of total amount donated will be awarded as winner's scholarship prize. The other 1/2 will go to VSSA's operating budget. Example: \$100 total donated for ticket entries = \$50 scholarship for 2016-2017 VSSA group lessons!

Raffle: We need donations of nonperishable items for prizes. Please contact Lani Hill or bring them to group lessons on Feb 6th. For any perishable items, please let Lani know before the Workshop date, and bring them to the Workshop on the 20th.



**Through the Eyes of a Child**

VSSA Workshops – by Alex Davi

I really like the Suzuki Workshops. Last year they did a Lego one, which was awesome (since everything is awesome). The year before that it was Snoopy. Now it's Star Wars. There is a master class where you alone work on one piece. There's a group class where you do some themed music. Last year we did "Everything is Awesome." Also, there's a craft class where you make things related to the theme. Then there's a class where you play with rhythms. You get a themed t-shirt and a schedule. They even have snack and lunch breaks. At the end we have a concert and a raffle. You should come every year you can. It's really fun, awesome and cool.

**Newsletter Input/Classifieds**

(from the VSSA Parent Handbook)

Input is welcomed about subjects you would like to have covered in the Newsletter, or calendar events such as concerts in the area, studio recitals, or individual book recitals. A free Classified Ad section is also available for use by VSSA members. If you wish to sell or give away a used instrument (if selling, include your name, instrument and size, price, and contact information), shoulder rest, black and white performance outfit, reading book, or other appropriate item, make your submission to our Newsletter Coordinator, Katie Davi, at [thekatiedavi@gmail.com](mailto:thekatiedavi@gmail.com)

*You can always find the newsletter and other VSSA information on the website, at [www.valleysuzuki.org](http://www.valleysuzuki.org)*

**VSSA Leadership****Teacher Members**

Kristine Ehlis – V 480-730-0452  
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\*Accepting New Students

V- Violin A- Viola C- Cello P-Piano

**Board Members**

President – Bonnie Roesch  
 Treasurer/Membership - Kristine Ehlis  
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 Group Lesson Coordinator - Andrea Gordon  
 Book Promotion Coordinator - Dorene Pool  
 Workshop Coordinator - Lani Hill  
 Recital Coordinator – Martha Vogler  
 Information Table - Rebecca Wilcox  
 Newsletter Editor/Webmaster - Katie Davi

**Volunteer Positions**

ASA Liaison - Eunice Elie  
 Recital Accompanists - Sara Turley & open