

# **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. Teachers, accompanists, and board members contribute their expertise, time, and energy to ensure that the activities of this organization are meaningful for and beneficial to our participants. Also, thank you to parents who have helped out as needed!

**Register** to attend our **Pirate-themed workshop on February 25**. Aside from a small registration fee, the cost of this day-long event is included in group lesson fees. Find information about how to register in this newsletter. No same day registration, and because our workshop is popular with nonmembers too, please register soon! Note that we are again in a new location for our workshop. Thanks to Lani Hill, our Workshop Coordinator, for organizing this very motivating and educational event for our students!

Our **Final Concert on March 25** 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 Pinnule 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 Pinnule 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**

2016-2017

**January 21\***

**February 11\***

**February 25 VSSA WORKSHOP**

**At Tri-City Baptist Church**

**Full day schedule**

**March 4\***

**March 25 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 Alexandra Jacques at aly788@gmail.com.
- 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 Alexandra 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.

### 2016-2017 Recital Schedule

#### January 21, 2017

Rebecca Turley	Hannah Turley
Alex Davi	Sarah Davi

#### February 11, 2017

Rosemary Heavens	Ruby Heavens
Jeremiah Bukovsky	Paige Bukovsky
Katherine Jivcu	Nathan Davies-Venn

#### March 4, 2017

Brielle Porter	Makenzie Porter
Laura Llames	Grace Llames
Khloe Sundaram	Christian Garrison
Joseph Garrison	Joshua Turley
Ishan Rao	

- If your child's name is spelled incorrectly above, please let Alexandra 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 Alexandra Jacques at aly788@gmail.com.

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

# Valley of the Sun Suzuki Workshop 2017!

**SAVE THE DAY: Saturday, February 25, 2017 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Theme: Pirates Take Over Suzuki!**

Ahoy, musical mateys! Come one, come all to the VSSA Workshop on Saturday, February 25th. We'll have wonderful classes with inspiring clinicians, and will learn some Pirate Suzuki music to play all together in the concert. This year's location is the Tri-City Baptist Church in Chandler, near the 101/202 (San Tan) interchange. VSSA members get over 2/3 off the non-member price, because part of your group-lesson fees go to the workshop. Register ASAP to reserve your space! Details and registration at <http://www.valleysuzuki.org/spring-workshop.html>

## Guest clinicians

Violin: Louise Scott, Karin Hallberg, Shelley Rich, Kristine Ehlis

Cello: Mary Wilkening

Music and Movement: Ruth Giaque

Voice: Kari Weldon

The day for most students will consist of:

- a group class
- a masterclass for those playing Lightly Row and beyond
- a music/movement class
- an ensemble performance class, to practice Pirate Suzuki music!
- a final concert

Twinkle and Pre-Twinkle students will have the same schedule, but without a masterclass.

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

Registration will be online on the VSSA website <http://www.valleysuzuki.org/spring-workshop.html>.

Registration deadline is Feb 15; after that there will be a late fee, and a T-shirt is not guaranteed.

Any questions? Contact Lani Hill, [krhlwh@gmail.com](mailto:krhlwh@gmail.com) or 480-688-9285 (cell).

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

Raffle: We need donations for prizes. Please contact Lani Hill or bring nonperishable items to group lessons on February 11th. For any perishable items, please let Lani know before the Workshop date, and bring them to the Workshop on the 25th. See if your workplace would donate a service or product for this event. We would need a certificate or coupon by February 25th. Thanks!

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 2017-2018 VSSA group lessons!

**Teacher Bio - Kari Weldon**

Suzuki Voice Level 1 ESA, SAA, ISA

A student of voice since 1993, Kari worked with private teachers through high school and furthered her private voice training through college and into her adult years. She traveled nationally with a vocal ensemble and has performed as a soloist throughout America and Europe. Since 2000, Kari has taught music and academics to various ages. In 2015, she auditioned into the European Suzuki Association's Suzuki Voice program centered in Vantaa, Finland, directed by the founder of Suzuki Voice, Dr. Päivi Kukkamaki. In January of 2016, Kari received her Suzuki Level 1 Certification and is currently finishing up her Level 2 training. Kari teaches voice ages 0 – adults in her private studio and through Chandler School of Fine Arts. Currently, she performs as a soloist in different international venues, sings with her church choir, and is a member of the Phoenix Symphony Chorus.

**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)

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

Kristine Ehlis – V	480-730-0452
Eunice Elie* - V, A, C, P	480-220-3146
Andrea Gordon - C	480-296-5445
Sarah Hartman* - V	480-316-8611
Lani Hill - V	480-688-9285
Alexandra Jacques* - V	602-616-8235
Dorene Pool - A	480-855-6199
Bonnie Roesch - V	480-924-6692
Heidi Wright - V	480-375-8681

\*Accepting New Students

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

**Board Members**

President – Bonnie Roesch  
 Treasurer/Membership - Kristine Ehlis  
 Secretary - Roxanne Heavens  
 Group Lesson Coordinator - Andrea Gordon  
 Book Promotion Coordinator - Dorene Pool  
 Workshop Coordinator - Lani Hill  
 Recital Coordinator – Alexandra Jacques  
 Information Table - Alisa VanOrder  
 Newsletter Editor/Webmaster - Katie Davi

**Volunteer Positions**

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

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Also, you can now follow us on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/valleysuzuki/](http://www.facebook.com/valleysuzuki/)