

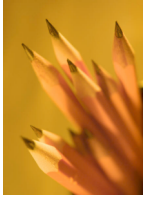


## NWISC News

December 2007



### Getting the most out of lessons and home practice



Parents, please be sure to take notes of points discussed and practice techniques developed in both individual lessons and groups. A previous newsletter noted that you are welcome and encouraged to record lessons, either in audio or video format. Whether or not you choose to do that, please do keep—and use at home—an ongoing notebook to jog your memory. For older and more advanced students, even if your teacher is making some notes for you, please make notes of your own immediately following the lesson or as soon as you can—your own notes will greatly help to clarify your practice procedures for you for the rest of the week.

If an activity's purpose or procedure is unclear, please ask! Your questions are appreciated, and we want you to be able to do the exercises—with understanding—at home daily. Really, lessons and groups exist in order to help you know what to do the rest of the week at home. Since you are at home more than you are in lessons and groups, how you use your practice time at home is crucial. Therefore, please take notes in individual lessons and groups in order to maximize your time—and your progress.

### Please and thank you!

Thank you to all who, by your participation, made NWISC's first recital and Grand Opening celebration beautiful and fun successes!



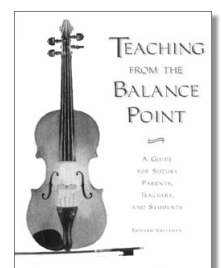
Did any of you take pictures that you would be willing to share, please? Any that you could bring or email to [nwisc@nwisuzuki.com](mailto:nwisc@nwisuzuki.com) would be tremendously appreciated!

### Parent Night with special guest speaker!

Parents, please come **Tuesday, December 4, from 7:30–8:30 p.m.** for a presentation from a parent to parents and a Q & A time completely devoted to home practice. This parent night will be led by Annie Meeks, a veteran parent of four grown children who each played an instrument when growing up. You can gain encouragement and acquire helpful ideas for any age and scenario. This will be an invaluable time!

### Violin workshop with Ed Kreitman

Edward Kreitman, author of *Teaching from the Balance Point—A Guide for Suzuki Parents, Teachers, and Students* and a well-known guest clinician at Suzuki institutes and workshops as well as the Founder and Director of the Western Springs School of Talent Education, will be coming to NWISC on **Saturday, February 23** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop will include



an individual masterclass time for each student, a group class component, a break for lunch, and other learning opportunities.

This is an amazing opportunity for violin students who have studied the Suzuki repertoire sequentially from Book 1 on. Mr. Kreitman rarely does these workshops anymore, but he is coming to us!

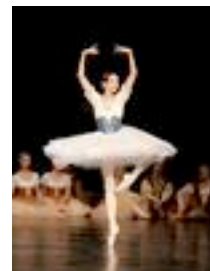
Even though he will be bringing another guest teacher with him, there will be room for only 30 students in the workshop. Please register by December 1 to ensure your spot. After that, the opportunity will be opened to other students in the area. Prior to Dec. 1, see Kassie Meeks or email her ([kassie@nwisuzuki.com](mailto:kassie@nwisuzuki.com)) for a registration form or pick one up at the conservatory. After that, the information will be posted on the website (<http://nwisuzuki.com>).

## Local December concerts

The Northwest Indiana Symphony Youth Orchestra is performing their winter concert on **Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m.** at Munster High School. Go support Adam, your fellow NWISC student who is in NISYO! For more information about the youth orchestra, you can find their link on our website (<http://nwisuzuki.com/links.html>).

The Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra, whose link (including ticket information) is likewise on our website, is performing their "Holiday Pops: Happy Holidays" concert on **Thursday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Star Plaza Theatre.

The Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra and Salt Creek Ballet are performing the Nutcracker on **Saturday, Dec. 8** at Governors State University's Center for Performing Arts in University Park. They will have **two performances, at 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** For tickets, call 708-235-2222 or visit [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net)



The Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Welcome Yule!, now in its 13<sup>th</sup> season and one of Chicago's most popular holiday happenings, will have multiple performances on **Friday to Sunday, Dec. 14–16; and Friday to Sunday, Dec. 21–23**. This festive and joyful concert includes not only members of the CSO but also the Chicago Symphony Chorus, the Midwest Young Artists Voices Rising, the Welcome Yule! Dance Ensemble, and a surprise visit from the North Pole's most famous resident! It is recommended for ages 4 and up. For tickets, please see the CSO's website ([www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org)) or call the CSO Ticket Hotline at (312) 294-3000.

## Graduation recital and December 14 recital

Stephanie R. will be having a book solo recital at NWISC on Friday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Please come to support your fellow student, to learn, and to delight in the music.

Our NWISC recital on Friday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m. will feature a mix of standard repertoire pieces and Christmas songs. Whether you play or not, please come and enjoy!

## Have a blessed break!

Remember, there are no lessons or groups from December 24 through January 4. The NWISC faculty wish you health, peace, joy, and beautiful music during this time of year! We look forward to seeing you again on our regular schedule the week of January 7.