It has been three years since the Community Music and Dance Academy and some Academy activities have relocated to the Ponderosa Building. In that time, the building has undergone many exciting changes and improvements including a brand new, sprung dance floor in the second dance studio, a small performance stage in one of the classrooms, and an entire inventory and organization of every single costume in the building with a similar project involving instruments in the works! We are pleased that the upgrades and improvements have allowed us to offer more classes and created a friendlier environment for our Academy families. We will continue working with various entities on campus to enforce building policy related to conduct and safety. Thank you for your patience as we continue adapting to the vast number of activities and clientele served under one roof. As always, we are happy to receive feedback or ideas about how we can continue to grow and improve. We look forward to another successful year with inspiring performances and opportunities for everyone!

Scholarship Opportunities
*applications available online*

- Generous support of the Catharine B. Adel Endowment allows the Academy to offer scholarships to music students for private lessons to study with Academy faculty members. Scholarships will be awarded to instrumental, piano, and vocal applicants in grades 6-12. Application materials are due to the Academy Office by Friday, September 12, 2014.

- Dancers in Grade 6 and above may apply to receive scholarship in exchange for their help in one of the younger ballet classes. Application materials are due by Friday, August 22, 2014.

- Students age 17 and younger may apply for a need-based scholarship which covers full tuition for private piano lessons through the Academy. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and sincere desire to study music. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

- The Andrew Sheldon Memorial Scholarship supports male middle and high school students wishing to study voice through the Academy. Applicants should submit a cover letter and two written letters of recommendation from non-family adults. Further details can be found on the Academy website.

**Music For All Ages**

- **Youngsters**: Music & Movement and Music Mind Games provide a fun setting for children as young as three years old to learn musical concepts through games and group interaction.

- **Teens**: A number of musical opportunities are available for teenagers including fiddle, string orchestra, and Academy Orchestra.

- **Adults**: We are thrilled to offer adult group fiddle classes. Students only need a working knowledge of the violin to participate!

**Transitions**

We are sad to say goodbye to two of our dance teachers, Ember Hannon and Rebecca Needham. Rebecca will be moving to Phoenix to dance with Center Dance Ensemble; Ember will also be relocating to Phoenix to be with her family. Julia Needham will be working with a few of the ballet classes this year and we are in the midst of hiring a new jazz teacher. Please help us to welcome them both!
UPCOMING EVENTS

8/8/14: Leotard & Shoe Exchange items due to the office
8/11/14: Science Festival begins
8/15/14: Coconino County Fair dance rehearsals begin
8/16/14: Leotard & Shoe Exchange, 9am-1pm, Ponderosa Lobby
8/22/14: Dance work scholarship applications due (*see website for application materials)
8/22/14: RAD leotard orders due
8/23/14: Children’s Music & Arts Festival, Suzuki Strings performance, 11am Wheeler Park
8/25-28/14: Suzuki Strings Parent Beginner class, 6:30-8:30pm, room 137
9/1/14: LABOR DAY—OFFICE CLOSED—NO CLASSES
9/9/14: Coconino County Fair performance, 12pm, Ft. Tuthill
8/4/14: Suzuki Strings Play-In, 4:15pm, Ashurst Hall
8/9/14: Dance classes begin (*see schedule for times/locations)
8/9/14: Academy Orchestra auditions (please call or email to schedule), room 146
9/11/14: Suzuki Strings classes begin (including Music & Movement, Music Mind Games, and String Orchestra—see schedule for times/locations)
9/12/14: Adel music lesson scholarship applications due (*see website for application materials)
9/13/14: Science Festival rehearsal, 11am-1pm, Ponderosa Studio A
9/15/14: Academy Orchestra rehearsals begin, 6:30pm, room 146
9/19/14: Payroll deductions begin
9/19/14: Suzuki t-shirt orders due
9/19/14: Science Festival performance, 7pm, Ardrey Memorial Auditorium
9/3/14: Deadline to convert to full year registration; deadline to apply to receive discounts on fall registration
10/15-16/14: Suzuki Strings Formal Recitals, 4pm, 5pm & 6pm, Ashurst Hall
10/24/14: YAGP registration forms and payments due
10/31/14: Final Fall Payments/Second Quarterly Year Payments Due!
11/3/14: Academy Orchestra sectionals, 6:30pm, various rooms
11/4/14: Piano recitals, 6pm & 7pm, Ashurst Hall
11/11/14: Veterans Day, Office Closed
11/15/14: Nutcracker Tea, 11am, Little America Hotel

OTHER NEWS

Friday, October 3: final day to apply discounts to registrations
Friday, October 31: second payment due (for year long registrations); final payments for all fall registrations due. A late fee WILL apply after this date!!!

Snow Closures

All cancellations, delays, and closures due to weather will be posted on our automated Snow Line at (928) 523-2333. Please check this number with questions before calling the Academy Office. We will also continue to do our best to update our Facebook page and website’s home page as needed.

Parking permits are available for those who need to be on campus before 4:30pm during the week. Permits may be purchased for $75 through the Academy office. After 4:30pm, parking is free in specific lots (P13—the large lot between the Ponderosa Building and the School of Music/Ardrey Building and P13B—the small lot attached to the Ponderosa Building). Single use day permits may be purchased for $7/day at kiosks throughout campus. The parking garage on the corner of Knoles and Riordan is available for $2/hour.

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