Spring registration is open and forms are now available! Spring programs include private music instruction on all instruments and voice; fiddle classes; Suzuki method instruction on violin, viola, and cello—including parent beginner classes; ballet and jazz dance classes for children and adults; a brand new conditioning and stretch class; Academy Orchestra; String Ensemble; Percussion Discovery; and group music instruction including Music Mind Games and Music & Movement. Classes fill up quickly, so make sure to reserve your spot today. Registration forms can be found on the Academy website (nau.edu/music/academy) and in the Ponderosa lobby (just outside our office). Payment can be made in our office, by mail, or over the phone (928-523-1889).

Congratulations to Stephanie Oh (violin teacher) and Kasey Calebaugh (violin/viola teacher) on advancing to the final round of the NAU Concerto Competition. Stephanie was chosen during the final round as one of two winners. Winners will perform with the NAU Orchestra on February 22 in Ardrey Memorial Auditorium.

Andrew Needhammer (dance teacher) was invited to teach for two days during the Dance Teachers’ Association of Newfoundland (DTAN)’s Rock the Rhythm 2014 in St. John’s, Newfoundland, Canada.

Hannah Gripp (violin) took third place in the senior division of the Arizona String Teachers Association Arizona (ASTAAZ) state-wide solo competition. Hannah studies privately with Shelley Rich.

This year’s Nutcracker Tea fundraiser was a huge success with over 100 guests! Thanks to everyone who attended, bid on items, and volunteered. Special thanks to Debbie Cook, Angel Dittberner, Peggy Murray, Jeannette Moore, Kristie Jones, Joan Carstensen, and Jim and Lanita Collette for their efforts to fundraise and organize the event.

Congratulations to Alejandro Estrella-Lopez (guitar teacher) for being named among this years Gold Axe Award recipients.

The following Suzuki Strings students have completed at least 50 days of consecutive practicing and listening: Saoirse Ziegler (90 days), Barret Sasser-Miller, Lily Anderson, Ethan Anderson, Gwendolyn Walther, Zach Guise (636 days), Fionna Hackler (278 days), Katie Stringer, Meg Stringer, Josephine Drios, Daehan Yi (87 days), Aaron Veazie (412 days), Asa Gray (61 days), Drew Hamilton (70 days), Anabelle McKay (182 days), Emily Gummo-Wagner (92 days), Fiona Gummo-Wagner (92 days), Keenan Graber (109 days), Joey Tognacci, Evelyn Rushall (1400 days), Isabel Rushall (1400 days), Elenor Rushall (1220 days), Harper Wagner (87 days), Eliza Moyer (863 days).
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

12/9/14: Voice studio dress rehearsal, 5:30pm, room 147

12/9/14: MTNA holiday recital, 6pm, room 146

12/10-11/14: Suzuki Strings formal recitals, 4:30pm & 5:30pm, Ashurst Hall

12/11/14: Voice studio recital, 6:15pm, room 147

12/22/14—1/2/15: WINTER BREAK—No Classes or Rehearsals; OFFICE CLOSED

1/5/15: Orchestra dress rehearsal, 6:30pm, Ardrey Auditorium

1/11/15: Concerto competition, applications available online, room 125

1/12/15: Spring semester dance classes begin

1/12/15—1/15/15: Suzuki parent beginner class, 6:30-8:30pm, room 137

1/12/15: Orchestra concert, 7:30pm, Ardrey Memorial Auditorium

1/14/15: Academy Orchestra auditions, please call to schedule, room 137

1/15/15: Suzuki Strings Play-In, 4:15pm, Ashurst Hall

1/19/15: MLK DAY—OFFICE CLOSED—No Classes or Rehearsals

1/22/15: Suzuki Strings group classes begin (*see schedule for details)—this includes MMG, Music & Movements, and String Ensemble

1/23/15: Payroll deductions begin

1/25-24/15: Celebrate Youth Day, Suzuki Strings performance time TBA, Flagstaff Mall

1/30/15—2/1/15: Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP), Las Vegas

2/2/15: Third quarterly payment due for year-long registrations

2/6/15: Deadline to receive discounts on spring registrations

2/16/15: Presidents’ Day, no classes or rehearsals

3/11/15: Piano recitals, 6pm & 7pm, Ashurst Hall

3/12/15 & 3/13/15: Suzuki formal recitals, 4pm, 5pm, & 6pm, Ashurst Hall

3/15/15—3/21/15: SPRING BREAK—No Classes or Rehearsals

4/1/15: All Final Payments Due!!!

4/7/15: ARIZONA GIVES DAY!!!

4/30/15: Suzuki group recital, 4:15pm, Ashurst Hall

4/30/15: Voice studio master class, 7pm, room 147

5/4/15: Orchestra dress rehearsal, 6:30pm, Ardrey Memorial Auditorium

**OTHER NEWS**

SEND US YOUR PICTURES!

Our Academy students participate in so many fabulous events throughout the year and unfortunately, we can’t be at every one of them so please send us your pictures. We’d love to post them to our website, on Facebook, on our bulletin boards, and here in Academy newsletters!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We’re always looking for ways to improve and offer an even better experience to all our families and students. To help us do so, we will be sending out a link to a short, survey. The link will also be available on our website and our Facebook page. Please take a few minutes to tell us what you think. We appreciate all feedback!

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Weather Closures & Delays

The days are getting shorter and weather colder! All weather related cancellations, delays, and closures will be updated on our Snow Line at (928) 523-2333. Please check this number for updates before calling the Academy Office. We will also continue to do our best to update our Facebook and main website pages with the latest information.