Arizona Gives Day is a day for Arizonans to come together to show support for the state’s nonprofits in 24 hours. On April 9, 2014, from 12:00am to 11:59pm, supporters of Arizona’s nonprofits will go online, connect with causes they care about and make a tax-deductible donation. Supporters will search for participating nonprofits and simply click to donate. The donation stays local and helps our nonprofits provide much needed services and support for people in the state of Arizona.

Hosted by the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits and the Arizona Grantmakers Forum, Arizona Gives Day is a way for people to find, learn about, and contribute to causes they believe in. Arizona Gives Day provides nonprofits with a way to share their story and engage the community through a unique online giving platform and is a great way for nonprofits to connect to the larger community and generate excitement and resources for our mission.

Arizonans can log-on to azgives.org on April 9, 2014 to support causes they care about. A link to the giving site will also be posted on the Academy website and Facebook page for easy navigation. Donations made on April 9, 2014 will be counted toward incentive prizes for each nonprofit so the more people who donate—even if it’s a couple dollars—the better chance we have to win! The NAU Community Music and Dance Academy is listed as a project under the Northern Arizona University Foundation, Inc. page.

**Academy Highlights**

Congratulations to Jon Eder (Academy Orchestra conductor), Karin Hallberg (Violin teacher), and Tim McKay (Academy parent and previous Academy Program Coordinator) on their Viola Award nominations for Excellence in Arts Education. Congratulations also to Dr. Todd Sullivan (Director of the NAU School of Music) on his nomination for Excellence in Leadership. Good luck and congratulations to all nominees!

Maggie Murray, Noelle Mushro, Roxie Nebel, and Emma Smith competed in the Youth America Grand Prix—an international dance competition—in San Diego, California in January.

Audrey Collette, Isabella Berglund-Brown, Tasha Hess-Neustadt, and Roxie Nebel competed in the National Society of Arts and Letters Dance Scholarship Event in Phoenix in January. Congratulations to Audrey who won second place in the competition!

Amelia Ayers (violin teacher) will perform her student recital on Saturday, February 22nd in Ashurst Hall at 2:30pm. Justine DeMarco (violin teacher) and Kasey Calebaugh (viola teacher) will perform a joint student recital on Sunday, February 23rd in Ashurst Hall at 2:30pm.

Karin Hallberg, Louise Scott, and Kari Barton (violin teachers) will present a session entitled “Community, Collaboration, and Communication” at the Suzuki Association of the Americas Conference in May, including information about the collaboration between the NAU School of Music, Community Music and Dance Academy, and Marshall Magnet School for the Arts. Dr. Scott presented “Every Child Can”, a course about the Suzuki philosophy in January at the NAU campus in Phoenix.
**Upcoming Events**

2/23/14: Academy Orchestra Concerto Competition, 1pm, room 125 (students must apply to receive assigned audition time)

2/27-28/14: Guest artist, Susan Baer, residency—special master classes and events TBA

3/1/14: Piano ensemble recital, 2pm, room 147

3/4/14: Piano studio recitals, 6pm & 7pm, Ashurst Hall

3/6-7/14: Vocational RAD Exams (Intermediate, Advanced 1 & 2), Studio A

3/8/14: Percussion Discovery, 10am-12pm, rooms 144 & 146

3/13-14/14: Suzuki Strings formal recitals, 4pm, 5pm, & 6pm, Ashurst Hall

3/16-23/14: SPRING BREAK—No Classes or Rehearsals (Office will remain open)

3/29-30/14: Graded RAD Exams (Primary—Grade 8), Studio A

4/1/14: **ALL FINAL ACADEMY PAYMENTS DUE!!!**

4/6/14: Academy Orchestra sectionals, 3pm

4/9/14: Arizona Gives Day!!!

4/12/14: Percussion Discovery, 10am-12pm, rooms 144 & 146

4/26/14: Body Mapping seminar, 9am-12pm, 1-5pm, room 137

5/1/14: Suzuki Strings group recital, 4:15pm, Ashurst Hall

5/1/14: Voice studio master class, 7pm, room 147

5/4/14: Academy Orchestra attends NAU Orchestra concert, 3pm, Ardrey Memorial Auditorium

5/5/14: Academy Orchestra dress rehearsal, 6:30pm, Ardrey Memorial Auditorium

5/6/14: Piano studio recitals, 6pm & 7pm, Ashurst Hall

5/6/14: Voice studio dress rehearsal, 5:30pm, room 147

5/8-9/14: Suzuki Strings formal recitals, 4pm, 5pm, & 6pm, Ashurst Hall

5/8/14: Voice studio recital, 6:15pm, room 147

5/10/14: Academy Honor recital, 3pm, Ashurst Hall

5/11/14: Academy Orchestra concert, 4pm, Ardrey Memorial Auditorium

5/12-15/14: Spring dance showcase dress and spacing rehearsals, times TBA, Clifford E. White Theatre

5/16-17/14: Spring dance showcase performances, 2pm & 7pm, Clifford E. White Theatre

5/17/14: Percussion Discovery, 10am-12pm, rooms 144 & 146

**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 our newsletters!

**Snow Closures**

Despite the unseasonably warm temperatures we’ve been experiencing, there is still potential for snow, ice, and winter weather. Cancellations, delays, and weather related closures will be listed on our automated **Snow Line at (928) 523-2333** so please check this number with questions before calling the Academy Office. We will also continue to do our best to update our website and Facebook pages with closures.

**Don’t Forget...**

All final payments are due to the Academy Office by the end of the day on **Tuesday, April 1st**.

A late fee will be applied to outstanding balances after this date.

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