The NAU Community Music and Dance Academy is proud to bring back this exciting program for percussion students in grade 5—10 throughout the Northern Arizona community. Classes promise to enthrall any student with an interest in percussion.

Percussion Discovery is an adventure into the world of percussion instruments—fantastic sounds and related performance techniques. Dozens of instruments will be surveyed, sparking imagination and inspiring inquiry and investigation. From the mysterious screeches of the waterphone to the magnificent thunder of orchestral timpani, the focus is percussively rich and diverse. From Ghana to Trinidad, Rio de Janeiro to Havana, students will explore an amazing cross-section of rhythms and sounds from around the world. Topics of discovery include snare drum, keyboard, auxiliary percussion, drum set, marching percussion, world percussion, specialized percussion, percussion ensemble, building musicianship, and creative music making.

Participants should have some experience reading music prior to enrolling and should bring their own sticks and mallets—all other equipment will be provided. First session on Saturday, February 20; enroll today with the Academy Office!

**Academy Highlights**

Congratulations to **Emily Edison** (violin teacher) and her husband who welcomed their first child in early January!

**Jackie Hazel, Madelynn Kaiser, Brianna Loescher, Charly Oles, Adria Paul, and Alexandra Zavala** traveled with **Andrew Needhammer** to compete at the first Royal Academy of Dance challenge in California.

**Zach Guise, Zack Odem, Clyde Ellis, and Sierra Freeman** (violin) were selected to participate in this year’s regional orchestras. Zach, Clyde, and Zack study privately with **Kari Lapins**. Sierra studies privately with **Kim Sullivan**. **Marley Long** (flute) was selected to participate in this year’s regional band. Marley studies privately with **Dr. Emily McKay**.

**Sarah Gripp** (violin teacher) was named one of two winners of this season’s NAU Concerto Competition. Sarah will perform Henryk Wieniawski’s **Violin Concerto No. 2** with the NAU Orchestra on their final concert on Sunday, May 8 at 3pm in Ardrey Memorial Auditorium. Sarah studies privately with **Shelley Rich** and **Dr. Louise Sco**.

**Dr. Louise Scott** (violin teacher) judged the string division of the southwest finals of Music Teachers National Association Competition at ASU on January 9th. Students from Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, and Hawaii who had won their state competition participated. Winners will compete in a national competition.
UPCOMING EVENTS

2/20/16: Percussion Discovery, 10am-12pm, room 146
2/20/16: Grade 4 RAD exam rehearsal, 11am-12pm, Studio A
3/2/16: Piano recitals, 6pm & 7pm, Ashurst Auditorium
3/5/16: Intermediate, Advanced 2, Intermediate Foundations, and Advanced Foundations RAD exam accompanist rehearsals, 10am-3pm, Studio A
3/5/16: Suzuki Strings informal recitals, 3-5pm, Ponderosa room 112
3/8/16: Suzuki Strings informal recitals, 4-6pm, Ponderosa room 112
3/10/16: Suzuki formal recitals, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, Ashurst Auditorium
3/11/16: Suzuki formal recitals, 4:30pm & 5:30pm, Ashurst Auditorium
3/12/16: Percussion Discovery, 10am-12pm, room 146
3/14/16-3/19/16: SPRING BREAK—No Classes or Rehearsals
3/22/16-3/29/16: RAD Exams, Studio A (see posted schedule for assigned times)
3/26/16: Percussion Discovery, 10am-12pm, room 146
4/1/15: ALL FINAL PAYMENTS DUE!
4/28/16: Voice studio master class, 7pm, room 147
4/30/16: Percussion Discovery, 10am-12pm, room 146
5/3/16: Piano recitals, 6pm & 7pm, Ashurst Auditorium
5/5/16: Suzuki group recital, 4:30pm, Coconino High School Auditorium
5/5/16: Voice studio master class, 7pm, room 147
5/7/16: Suzuki Strings informal recitals, 3-5pm, Ponderosa room 112
5/10/16: Suzuki Strings informal recitals, 4-6pm, Ponderosa room 112
5/10/16: Voice studio dress rehearsal, 5:30pm, room 147
5/11/16: Suzuki Strings formal recitals, 4pm, 5pm 6pm, Ashurst Auditorium
5/12/16: Voice studio recital, 6:15pm, room 147
5/13/16: Suzuki Strings formal recitals, 4:30pm & 5:30pm, Ashurst Auditorium
5/14/16: Honor and Adel scholarship recipient recital, 4pm, Ashurst Auditorium
5/16/16-5/18/16: Spring Dance Showcase rehearsals, Studio A (see schedule for details)
5/19/16-5/20/16: Spring Dance Showcase dress rehearsals, Ardrey Memorial Auditorium (see schedule for details)
5/21/16: Percussion Discovery, 10am-12pm, room 146
5/21/16: Spring Dance Showcase, 1pm & 7:30pm, Ardrey Memorial Auditorium

OTHER NEWS

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