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Summer 2008 Newsletter

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Summer Semester Update

Our summer semester begins this week and we are happy to see that many of our students are taking lessons during July and August. If you are not taking lessons this summer and plan to return in the fall make sure you keep your current slot reserved with your teacher. If you need to change your time or day in the fall you can use your current slot to trade with another student. This way you are assured of being in your teacher's schedule this September.

If you would like to book some summer lessons contact your teacher directly to see what they have available. You can book a lesson at any time this summer. We request that you pay in advance for the lessons you plan to take. Our teachers are quite busy during the summer months with gigs. They need to know their teaching schedules as soon as possible so they can book their performances.

The summer semester is a great time to get ahead on your instrument or maybe pick up a new one. It is also a great opportunity to go see your teachers at work – check their web sites for upcoming gigs.

Our first recitals!

We held four recitals the first weekend of June and they were a complete success! All of the students that participated performed exceptionally well. And our food drive brought in a very sizeable donation that we took over to the People's Pantry. We will plan another recital around the first week of December to give our students a chance to perform some holiday music – and as always the only admission that we will ask for is a food donation.

We have created DVDs of the recitals and you can order one for \$10. You can pick one up at your next lesson or we will mail it to you (free USPS shipping). They will be printed during the week of July 14th so let us know if you would like to buy one.

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Summer suggestions?

During the summer we have planned to upgrade some of our facilities. We are looking into more sophisticated soundproofing. We now have a banner on the South Entrance road sign and we will share that space with Laser Craze. We will put up more signage at our entrance to the building and in the lobby. Building management is going to do some major construction in the parking lot and entrance area (handicap ramp, better stairs, etc.). If you have any suggestions for us or the management at Osgood Landing feel free to let us know. We always want to hear what you think and we want to make your experience in our office a positive one.

New billing plans this fall

We want to let you know a couple of things about this fall – we will be raising our rates to \$30 for a half hour lesson for all new students. The good news for all of our first year students is that we want to offer you the opportunity to lock in the current rate of \$25 per lesson for next year. We want to thank you all for your support during this first year of business. Our semester payment plan for the fall and spring will make it possible for you to pay last year's price and will also have a built in student cancellation allowance.

There are a couple of inherent problems with lesson cancellations. Of course things come up for everyone – sickness, sports conflicts, vacations, etc. So we understand that students need to cancel from time to time. But our teachers also need to be paid for the time that they are in the office. And we want you to get all of the time that you have paid for. Our new payment plan should clear up these problems. And, as always, you are never billed for a teacher cancellation. And regardless of who cancels we all need to be respectful of each other's time and give as much advance notice as possible when lessons are cancelled.

We are open to any suggestions that you may have concerning our billing and attendance policies. We want our students and parents to be happy with how our business here is conducted.

Have a safe and happy summer!

