



**SEMSA Calendar 2004-2005**

**Group Lessons – Pax Christi Catholic Church**

4134 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Rochester, MN

**Fridays, 4:00PM - 6:00PM**

September 10

October 15 - Pot Luck Supper

November 12

December 10

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 15



**Concert and Pizza Party – 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church**

512 First Avenue SW, Rochester, MN

May 6, 2005

Rehearsals - 4:00PM to 4:45PM, Concert - 5:00PM to 6:00PM, and Pizza Party - After the Concert

**Honors Recitals – Congregational Church**

965 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Rochester, MN

October 10, 2004 at 2:00PM

January 28, 2004 at 7:00PM

Date and Time to be Announced for the Third Honors Recital

**SEMSA Ensemble Recital**

April 30, 2005

Time and Location to be Announced

**Young Musicians of Southeastern Minnesota Recitals**

This recital series is sponsored by SEMSA and the Rochester Area Keyboard Club. Barbara Bartleson has been instrumental in organizing and reinstating this popular concert series that existed a few years ago. It is open to pianists, vocalists, solo instrumentalists of all kinds, and ensembles; performers must be age 13 through high school. See your teacher for application details. Audience attendance is free and open to the public. It promises to be an exciting recital series. The dates are as follows:

Nov 19, 2004 at 7:00 at  
Congregational Church

January 22, 2004 at 2:00 at  
1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church

April 10, 2004 at 3:00 at  
Congregational Church

**Suzuki Association of Minnesota Graduation**

**Piano - College of St. Catherine, The O'Shaughnessy Auditorium**

2004 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul, MN

March 19, 2005

**Strings, Harps and Flutes - Orchestra Hall**

1111 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN

March 12, 2005



## Notes from the President



Hello all Suzuki Families,

I hope you had a terrific summer because....Here we go again! It is time to get back to schedules, practicing and music making. All the Suzuki teachers have been busily preparing for a new and exciting year with you.

SEMSA has some new things to offer this year that I hope you will enjoy. We have set up a table at the entrance to Pax Christi with information about your classes and will have a volunteer there during group classes. If you are not sure where your child should be, please see our volunteer at the table. (If you would like to volunteer to man the table, please see Mary Schneekloth).

We are very fortunate to have Connie Jelatis-Hoke joining our teachers at group lessons. She will be teaching a pre-Twinkle class for children ages 4-10 (all instruments). Ask your teacher if your child qualifies for the class. There will be a small fee charged, but SEMSA will cover some of the cost. Connie is a very talented, energetic teacher. We are very lucky to have her!!!

Please read through the calendar very carefully. We have had to make adjustments so that we do not meet the second Friday of every month. Be sure to put the dates on your calendar in red. You don't want to miss anything!

I look forward to seeing you all in the hallways at Pax Christi!

Sincerely,  
Nancy Osterass  
SEMSA President

### Unique Music Stores – Plan to stop in for a visit!

**Hobgoblin Music and Stoney End Harps** is located at 920 State Hwy 19, Red Wing, MN. Here you can view the production of Stoney End Folk Harps in the lower level workshop and shop for folk instruments and music in the upper level store. The store features a wide selection of unique folk instruments: concertinas, harmonicas, celtic bodhrans, tin whistles, bag pipes, mandolins, and banjos. The music available in the store features the wide variety of folk instruments they sell. This store is unique and worth a visit. Web address is [www.stoneyend.com](http://www.stoneyend.com)

**Groth Music Co.** is located at 8056 Nicollet Ave., S. Bloomington, MN. Groth Music Co. is to music supplies what Sports Mart is to sporting goods; it is a music superstore! The store sells a wide variety of musical instruments, from percussion to ethnic instruments and everything in between. There is a large stock of music books and sheet music for all instruments. They have an interesting selection of music themed cards and gift items. Every time we are in the Bloomington area, we try to fit in a stop at Groth Music Co. and always enjoy looking at their vast selection. Check out their web site at [www.grothmusic.com](http://www.grothmusic.com). While you are visiting their web site take a look at the *Why Music?* page. Find it by going to *What's New*, then *Discover the Benefits of Music*, finally click on *Why Music?*

### SEMSA Board of Directors for 2004 – 2005

Thank you to these people for dedicating their time and talents to the planning of SEMSA events and activities.

President – Nancy Osterass      President Elect – DeAnn Spencer

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Members-at-Large – Barbara Bartleson, Mary Carlson, Charles Li, Shannon Richardson, and Linda Thompson

SEMSA Membership Directories will be available with the next issue of the newsletter at the end of October.

### Instruments for Sale

- Scherl & Roth  $\frac{3}{4}$  Violin, excellent condition, good tone, and beautiful grain, \$700. (Case and bow included) Contact Kris Lloyd at 507-529-1970.
- Suzuki-Nagoya violins,  $\frac{1}{2}$  size for \$200 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  size for \$250. Contact Janet Munger at 288-0513.

Do you have an instrument for sale? Would you like to list it in the SEMSA newsletter? Email a description and contact information to: [hickeyfamily@magnaspeed.net](mailto:hickeyfamily@magnaspeed.net)

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## **SEMSA Monthly Group Lessons**

### **First Group Lesson is Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

SEMSA group lessons will be held at Pax Christi Catholic Church, 4134 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. Park and enter the building from the lower level parking lot. The lower level entrance is located to the rear of the main building. These are the only doors that will normally be unlocked – please enter and exit the building through these doors. Parent volunteers will be available to help direct you to the correct classrooms. **Please plan to arrive 10 minutes early for the first class in order for everyone to find the correct room and be prepared for the 4:00PM start time.** The orchestras will meet at 5:00PM. Orchestra room assignments will be posted. **All orchestra students must bring a music stand for use during orchestra.** Check with your studio teacher if you have any questions.

- **Parents help set-up or takedown the room used according to the instruction of the group teacher assigned to the room.** The more hands helping makes the task quickly accomplished.
- **Parents instruct your children to be respectful of the church and spaces we are allowed to use.** Our group is fortunate to be welcomed into Pax Christi Church for our group lessons. It is important we be courteous and respectful of the building and classrooms.

### **SEMSA Orchestra Parents**

At SEMSA group lessons, the orchestras meet during the 5:00PM – 6:00PM time period. Volunteers are needed to serve as orchestra parents for the 2004-2005 year. The idea is that the orchestra parents would be similar to team parents for a youth sports team. Two to three parents, per orchestra, would be ideal. The parents would be asked to plan two activities during the course of the year. Ideas could be a bowling party, an ice skating party or attend a concert together. Orchestra parents could make arrangements for a small surprise or treat to be handed out at the end of each monthly orchestra session. This will help the children build friendships and have fun with their SEMSA friends. Piano and flute students will be included according to their age level. You can sign-up to volunteer to be an orchestra parent at the first SEMSA group lesson in September.

### **Parent Information Meeting**

SEMSA will hold a parent meeting during the first group lesson, at Pax Christi Catholic Church, on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00PM to 5:30PM. It is important that a parent from each family attend this meeting. Information on group lessons, repertoire and orchestra classes, orchestra parent program, honors recitals, and statewide Suzuki graduation will be discussed. Parents will have the opportunity to have questions answered. Plan to attend so information for the year is clearly understood by all members. Meeting room will be posted at the group lesson.

### **SEMSA October Pot Luck Dinner – October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 6:00PM**

SEMSA will be having a potluck dinner following group lessons on October 15<sup>th</sup> in the dining hall at Pax Christi Church. SEMSA will provide sloppy joe sandwiches, beverages, plates, napkins and eating utensils. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share. Vegetable and fruit salad, hot dish casseroles and desserts are possible dishes you could bring. This will be an opportunity to visit with friends you have not seen all summer long and meet new SEMSA members. If you have questions, email Judy Hickey at [hickeyfamily@magnaspeed.net](mailto:hickeyfamily@magnaspeed.net).

### **Jazz Violin Workshop with Randy Sabien – November 5, 2004**

Plans are under way for a SEMSA sponsored jazz workshop. Violinist, this is your opportunity to learn jazz and improvisational techniques from the renowned jazz violinist Randy Sabien. He plays regularly as a jazz violin, guest soloist with symphonies across the country and has been a featured soloist with the Rochester Orchestra. He has written music books called *Jazz Philharmonic* and has a number of music CDs available. The workshop will be held during the day on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> a non-school day for the Rochester district. Details will be available soon – mark your calendar today and save the date! View Randy Sabien's web site at [www.randysabien.com](http://www.randysabien.com).

### **Suzuki Parent Education Seminars – October 2, 2004 - Roseville, MN**

Jeanne Luedke, parent education specialist and Suzuki teacher for thirty years, will conduct a parent education seminar on Saturday, October 2, 2004 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. The seminar will be held at the Schmitt Music store auditorium, 2436 Cleveland Avenue, Roseville, MN. Topics will include:

- How to create the desire to learn in children
- The rules we need to follow in teaching a skill
- How to keep practices pleasant and productive
- How to develop self-motivation in a child

The seminar information is valuable for all instruments and levels. The cost is \$40.

For more information or to register contact Suzanne Greer at [sgstudio@mn.rr.com](mailto:sgstudio@mn.rr.com) or Jeanne Luedke at [wjluedke@aol.com](mailto:wjluedke@aol.com)

## New Directions Cello Festival – Lawrence University, Appleton, WI

The New Directions Cello Festival was held June 25 -27<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at Lawrence University in Appleton, WI. Chris White, director of the New Directions Cello Association, describes the weekend as “the center of the universe for non-classical cello playing.” The weekend was a combination of workshops, jam sessions and concerts. There was an exhibition room with electric cellos to try, cello clothing, cello music CDs and a variety of sheet music to purchase. Some of the featured artists were the Turtle Island String Quartet, the Royal Garden Trio, and Marston Smith. The Turtle Island String Quartet, a group that combines jazz music with the classical string quartet form, performed an evening concert that was outstanding. Mark Summer, cellist for the TISQ, presented a workshop that featured his unique style; his style could be described as percussive cello playing. The Royal Garden Trio, a group influenced by Django Reinhardt’s gypsy jazz, lead a workshop on jazz improvisation. Marston Smith, who plays an electric cello mounted on medieval armor, lead a workshop demonstrating his electric cello riffs. The student cellist participated as part of the **Young People’s Cello-Bration**. The young students participated in the workshop along with the adult cellists and were made to feel very welcome. For a \$50 fee, students were able to participate in workshops from Saturday morning to evening, received a pizza lunch and a ticket to attend the TISQ concert Saturday evening. It was a fun-filled and informative day for the young cello players. The tentative dates for next years workshop is June 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Lawrence University. Cello players are fortunate to have this outstanding and diverse workshop held within a short four hour drive from Rochester, MN. Teen-ages should consider attending the full three days of cello festival classes. Cello players – this is a great opportunity!



The Turtle Island String Quartet  
– [www.tisq.com](http://www.tisq.com)

The Royal Garden Trio -  
[www.theroyalgardentrio.com](http://www.theroyalgardentrio.com)

Marston Smith -  
[www.marstonsmith.com](http://www.marstonsmith.com)

## Studio News

### From the Studio of DeAnn Spencer

Mrs. Spencer leads two groups of fiddling students; the older students are called *Fiddlers & Company* and the younger students are called *Fiddle Stix*. The groups have been memorizing music, rehearsing and performing for three years. If you want to enjoy some great fiddling, plan to attend one of their performances.

#### Fiddlers & Company - Performances

**Rochester Sesquicentennial Celebration - Saturday, September 11, 2004**

Mayo Civic Auditorium from 3:00-4:00 pm

**History Festival - Saturday, September 25, 2004**

Olmstead County Historical Society from 3:30-4:30 pm

**Annual Meeting of Rochester Chamber of Commerce - Thursday, October 14, 2004**

Mayo Civic Center - Exhibit Hall from 5:30-6:30 pm

#### Fiddle Stix - Performances

History Festival - Saturday, September 25

Historical Society from 3:30-4:30 pm

### From the Studio of Linda Thompson

Mrs. Thompson’s Advanced Ensemble has been polishing several pieces arranged by Fritz Kreisler in preparation for a performance at Mayo Heritage Days. The performance is scheduled for Friday, October 8, from 11:45AM to 12:45PM in the Lips Atrium of the Charlton Building.

## Summer Suzuki Institutes – Scholarships

Our SEMSA organization provides one-time scholarships to any family attending a Summer Suzuki Institute for the first time. This is done to encourage families to attend one of these wonderful weeks of Suzuki music making. This summer, two SEMSA families made use of our \$75 scholarship for first time institute attendees. Bethany Foster participated in the Japan-Seattle Suzuki Institute International. Hannah and Elden Lai attended The Institute at Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Watch for descriptions of their experience in the next newsletter.

## Concert Season in Rochester – Mark your Calendar Now!

**Rochester Orchestra and Choral** will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> season with a seven concert series. The seasons music ranges from Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, William's *Harry Potter Suite*, Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 5*, *The Winds of Christmastide*, a World Premiere Commission, *Brandenburg Concerto No. 2* and American music from the 30's, 40's and 50's.

Concert dates are: **Our Town** - September 25, 2004      **Read All About It** – October 30, 2004  
**None Better** – November 20, 2004      **Winds of Christmastide** – December 18, 2004  
**Rah Rah Rochester** – February 5, 2005      **Brass to the Basics** – March 5, 2005  
**Great American Songbook** – April 23, 2005.

Call for information regarding location and time, 507-28-MUSIC or visit the web site [www.roandc.org](http://www.roandc.org).

**Southeastern Minnesota Youth Orchestras** are comprised of three levels, Chamber Strings, Philharmonic Orchestra, and Concert Orchestra. SEMYO will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this concert season.

Concert dates are: November 21, 2004    February 13, 2004    May 7, 2005    May 15, 2005  
Call the SEMYO office for concert information, 507-282-1718 or view the web site at [www.semyo.org](http://www.semyo.org).

**The Lyra Baroque Orchestra** is celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> season with a five concert series at Zumbro Lutheran Church. Concert dates are: Friday, October 1, 2004    Friday, December 10, 2004  
Friday, February 11, 2005    Friday, March 4, 2005    Friday, April 15, 2005

Tickets can be purchased at the door or through TicketWorks, [www.ticketworks.com](http://www.ticketworks.com). View **The Lyra Baroque Orchestra's** web site at [www.lyrabaroque.org](http://www.lyrabaroque.org).

**Rochester Civic Music** has a variety of performers scheduled for the **Riverside Live!** 2004-2005 concert series. The performances range from jazz to holiday to folk music. There is something for all music tastes in this concert series. All concerts are held at the Mayo Center. Check the web site for further details, [www.riversideconcerts.com](http://www.riversideconcerts.com).

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### SEMSA T-Shirts Order Form

New this year, SEMSA will be selling blue t-shirts printed with the SEMSA logo on the front. The cost of the t-shirts is \$10.00. Orders must be received by September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and the t-shirts will be distributed at the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 group lesson.

Sizes Available: Adult – Small    Medium    Large    X-Large  
Youth – Small    Medium    Large    X-Large

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Number of T-Shirts: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

x \$10.00 =

Turn-in your order form at the SEMSA group lesson in September or mail to:

Judy Hickey, 1807 Northern Viola LN NE, Rochester, MN 55906.

Total cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Include full payment with your order. Checks should be made out to SEMSA.



## 75 Day Practice Challenge

A big thank you to Culver's Frozen Custard for sponsoring the 75 Day Practice Challenge this summer! SEMSA students needed to practice for a minimum of 75 days between June 10th and September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Please turn in your completed blue practice logs to your lesson teacher. After turning in the log, you will receive a coupon for a cone of frozen custard from Culver's. Enjoy your well-deserved delicious reward and keep up the good practicing!

## Gasshuku at Eagle Bluff 2005 – Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center, Lanesboro, MN

Planning has begun for SEMSA's bi-annual Suzuki music workshop. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to work with a variety of Suzuki clinicians from the mid-west to throughout the United States. Often a workshop clinician will explain a technique or a skill in a different way and the point will stick with the student because of the special circumstances in which it was learned. It is a privilege to be able to attend such a wonderful workshop so close to home! Mark your calendar now to reserve the dates for this exciting, fun filled musical event. The Gasshuku committee is in the process of writing grants and applying for funding. If you have any suggestions for funding sources contact Rene Chartier or Judy Hickey.

### SEMSA Barn Dance

Iron your plaid shirt!

Dust off your cowboy boots!

SEMSA is planning a barn dance, complete with fiddling playing, square dancing, line dancing, reels, dance calling, yodeling, snacks and loads of fun for the whole family.

Look for more details at the start of 2005!



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