



# Sharon Music Academy Newsletter

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## WINNERS!

We want to congratulate Rishi and Mihir – winners of the fall Bring-A-Friend Week raffle.

Rishi, in introducing his friend to music, won a free lesson not just for his friend but also for himself. We welcome Mihir to our Academy and are looking forward to seeing his progress on the guitar, his instrument of choice.

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## Happy New Year!

Dear friends of Sharon Music Academy,

We hope you all had wonderful Holidays and all of us at Sharon Music Academy wish you a Happy New year! May the new year bring you much joy, luck, and the fulfillment of your new year's resolutions, one of which we hope is to continue your music education.

This past year has been full of many remarkable events, great achievements of our students and wonderful concerts, some of which are highlighted in this newsletter. Because we want you to share our pride in the Sharon Music Academy and be up to date on its goings on, we will inform you of Sharon Music Academy events through this newsletter in the future.



We want to highlight what is important – that all our students, from the beginner, who just has learnt how to play a few notes, to a performer who has played with a professional symphony orchestra, have made more progress along the wonderful and exciting road of music learning.

We appreciate your patronage of our Academy and promise you more exciting events and programs in the coming year. We are always glad to hear from you so please let us know what we can do to make your music education an even more enjoyable experience.

## American Fine Arts Festival

Again this year many students of Sharon Music Academy successfully passed the auditions for the American Fine Arts Festival and will perform on many famous New York City stages such as at the German Cultural Center and Carnegie Hall. Sharon Music Academy would like to make the trip to NYC one of the highlights of this year.

We hope that everyone takes advantage of this great opportunity. If there is enough interest, Sharon Music Academy will arrange for a charter bus to and from NYC as well as a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art before the concerts. Please contact us for additional information.

## We Want Your Feedback!

We always strive to make our Academy the place where students and parents want to come. How can we make your music experience more enjoyable? Please let us know your suggestions or concerns. Send us email or call us – we always listen to you.

## Concerts and Recitals



This year's Halloween party was a smashing success. We had musical performances, exhibits of Halloween pictures and drawings, and a parade of Halloween costumes. Everyone had a lot of fun and we will definitely host a Halloween party next year. Special thanks to David Yang, whose pictures of the event you can enjoy on our website Photo Gallery.

December is winter recital month. For many students the winter recital is their first public performance with all its excitement, nervousness and first applause. Sharon Music Academy conducted several recitals in December. Many young children and beginners performed on December 17 at the Academy. It was a remarkable experience for kids and parents alike. You can see pictures from this recital on our website Photo Gallery. More advanced students performed on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the First Baptist Church. If you missed this recital you can still enjoy the wonderful performances of our young musicians. The recital was taped by Sharon Cable and will be broadcast in January and February. We will also have a DVD version of this recording available shortly.

### Congratulations Angelique!

In October Angelique Scully performed with the Maryland Youth Symphony Orchestra. She received this honor as the first prize winner of 20<sup>th</sup> International Piano Competition in Maryland. We congratulate Angelique, age 8, on her success. In addition to being a talented pianist, she is also a talented dancer, performing in the Nutcracker ballet this year at the Opera House in Boston. Congratulations, Angelique!

## Equal Opportunity Music

Everybody knows that talent is such a terrible thing to waste. But what about desire to learn? Especially desire to learn music – the gift that keeps on giving? That is why Sharon Music Academy has partnered with the MusicLink® Foundation to provide scholarships and instruments for promising musicians who are unable to afford music lessons. This partnership is based on the firm belief that anyone who has musical potential should be given the opportunity to nurture their musical promise to its full extent. For more information please contact us or visit our website.

## Concert at Chaminade Music Club

All instructors at Sharon Music Academy are actively performing musicians and are frequent guests at many local events. This November Tanya Schwartzman, Music Director, and Hiroku Kajimoto, flute instructor, were invited to perform at the Chaminade Music Club. This club is one of the oldest music organizations on the South Shore and every month the club invites distinguished musicians to perform on its stage. Tanya and Hiroku's performance was a great success.



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