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Official Citations From The State Senate

Music is a performing art and performing for an audience is a rewarding experience by itself. But performing for seniors is even more rewarding. It is best expressed by 10 years old saxophone student of the Sharon Music Academy Dean Grabie. When asked what he liked most about his performance at Stony Brook Court Senior Living Housing on January 25th he said: " You can see that music brings smiles to people's faces." That is the main reason why our students like to perform at museums, schools and nursing homes—to bring smiles and joy of music to people. And when this work is recognized and appreciated it is just like being rewarded the second time. This January three students of the Sharon Music Academy: Sophie Tollefson, Catherine Song and Angelique Scully have received Official Citations from the Massachusetts State Senate for their music achievements and their community work. These Citations have been sponsored by the State Senator Brian A. Joyce—a strong supporter of arts and music in our area. It is not the first time that the students of the Sharon Music Academy have received acknowledgment from the state legislature for their active role in the community. A long tradition of charity and community work at SMA stretches from the concerts for the children of Chernobyl to performances in nursing homes, schools and public parks. We invite all our students to join us in our community effort—it is such a rewarding experience for everybody!

Quote of the Day

"No matter how great
we get with digital
formats of
instrumentation, nothing
really quite duplicates
the real thing."

Michael Bolton

Faculty Concert on February 28th

Every year students and faculty of the Sharon Music Academy participate in many fund raising events to raise money for music scholarships and various youth music programs to benefit local young musicians. In these hard economic times it is even more important to keep music life alive in our community. That's why the Faculty and students of the Sharon Music Academy are making a special effort this year donating their time and effort to several fundraising events in our area.

One of these events is an annual concert organized by the Sharon Performing Artists Association (SPAA) to raise money for the local music education programs. This year SPAA concert will feature the Faculty of the Sharon Music Academy. **Don't miss this concert—it is a rare opportunity to see and hear world class performances right here in Sharon.** Chamber music, solo performances and piano duos will brighten your evening. Come to see your teachers perform and bring all your friends and family!

Unitarian Church, 4 North Main St, Sharon, 7:00 pm

The Sharon Music Academy has specially priced tickets for our parents and students: Adult ticket \$8, first child—\$6, second child—\$3, any additional child \$1. We hope to see you at the concert.

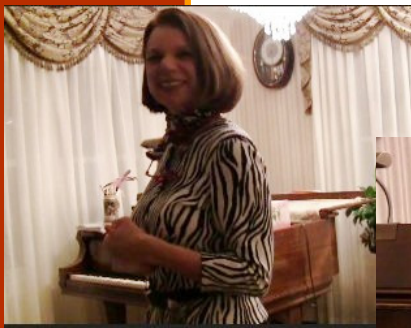
Bristol Chamber Orchestra Concert

For young musicians playing with a professional orchestra is always a memorable experience. Every year the Sharon Music Academy and the Bristol Chamber Orchestra are offering such experience to aspiring young musicians. We usually organize several fund raising events: art auctions, concerts and art exhibits to support this program. Many music lovers in our area help us with our fundraising effort. One of them is Mr. A. Engel of Sharon, who donates his beautiful music room for our concerts. It is a wonderful intimate setting for about 25 people. He will be our host for a concert on February 28th at 3:00 pm. The concert features internationally renowned pianist Levon Hovsepian, violinist Harris Shilakowsky, cellist Zarina Irkayeva, clarinetist Todd Brunel and award winning students of the Sharon Music Academy. It is one in a lifetime opportunity for you to be a part of the remarkable music event. Space is very limited, please reserve your tickets online at <http://bristolchamberorchestra.org/#greatworks> or call (617)875-7445. Suggested donations is \$30.

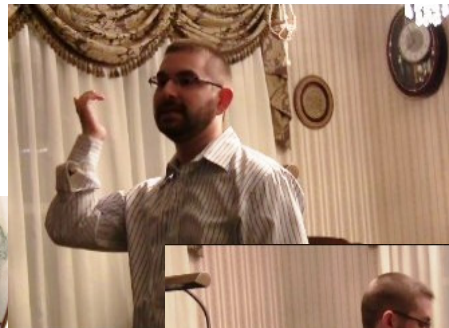
Music Party at SMA

Everybody who attended our January 17th Music Party for adult students told us that they had enjoyed it immensely. This time we had four performers and about 25 guests. All the performers were simply amazing. But what is even more amazing that all these people with very demanding jobs and busy family life have tenacity and will power to pursue their dream. This really commands respect! Another thing that made this evening so special for everyone was the opportunity for our students to talk to the fellow music lovers, share experiences of learning music in an adult life and tricks of finding the time to practice and enjoy music. Tanya cooked a special Russian dish, "Devil's Eggs" with red caviar, which could be by itself a good reason to come to the party. Not to mention a DVD of the performances that has been created for our students' music scrapbooks. We look forward to our next Music Party, which is tentatively scheduled for the beginning of May. We hope to see all our adult students and their friends and families in May. And we promise you that Tanya will surprise you with another Russian dish.

Music Party In Pictures



Eileen Nielsen



David Rubinstein



Yan Burdett



Angelika Mayman



SMA Business Exchange

It is always difficult to find a good specialist, whether it is a doctor, an auto mechanic, a contractor or a lawyer. We strongly believe that love and appreciation of music is a characteristic of a good professional in any field. In addition, in the current tough economic times, it is important to get as much help from the friends as you can get. And we consider all our students and parents as our friends. That's why we decided to facilitate a business exchange among our students and parents. We know that among our students and parents are many wonderful professionals with very unique skill sets. Please bring us your business cards and brochures and we will display them in the halls. Send us a short description of your business or services and we will put it on our website. We want you to be successful and we really want to help!