

## **Gallucci String Studio news June / July 2006**

### **Reminders:**

The studio will be closed Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.

Studio fees are due beginning Thursday, June 1. Thank you for paying on time.

Visit <http://www.lauragallucci.com/timeslots.html> to schedule a make up lesson.

The studio is open for regular lessons through June 29.

The studio will be closed Friday, June 30 through Sunday, July 16.

**Thank you:** This has been a really great year, thank you for the opportunity to teach and share music with you!

### **Survey results (based on majority vote):**

Studio parents agree that recital fees should be rolled into lesson costs.

Studio parents agree that they should purchase their own books.

Studio parents agree with the new make up lesson policy (see website after June 1 for details).

Changes will be incorporated starting with the Fall semester, 2006.

### **Summer semester:**

**Monday, July 17 through Thursday, August 24, 2006**

**Days and hours: Generally, M-Th, 5pm-9pm**

### **Discounted lessons for summer semester:**

Purchase two or more lessons to be used during summer semester and receive \$1 off each lesson. Per lesson fees for summer semester are:

½ hr = \$16

45 min = \$24

1 hr = \$32

Lessons must be used between July 17 and August 24, no refunds or carryovers. Lessons must be purchased by June 29. You may still purchase individual lessons at any time if you are unsure of your summer plans.

### **Fall Semester:**

**Fall semester starts Aug 25 and ends Dec. 22, 2006**

(Subject to change, see website after June 1 for details on days the studio is open and closed).

**New fee schedule:**

Flat monthly fee (Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 Semesters), includes:

-retainer for specific weekly day and time

-all recital fees

-use of posted Available Timeslots (some restrictions apply, see website after June 1 for details)

½ hr = \$66 / month

45 min = \$98 / month

1 hr = \$130 / month

Students who receive a multi-student discount should increase their monthly fee by \$2.

I no longer pro-rate monthly lessons based on vacations, absences, etc., please plan accordingly.

**Bangor Youth Symphony Orchestra****Auditions September 17, place TBA**

The BYSO is looking for interested and enthusiastic players, please consider joining this coming Fall. Questions? Please contact David Iverson, President:

Phone: 379-4000

E-mail: Cme1@tdstelme.net

**Summer Music on Central Street Cancelled**

The camp has been cancelled due to low enrollment. Thank you to everyone who helped me put it together. If you have given me a deposit it will be refunded next time I see you.

**SmartMusic purchase and training:**

Students interested in using SmartMusic may purchase a subscription using the instructions below. I recommend a subscription and a microphone. I will begin using this product more seriously in the Fall, to prepare students for recitals in which they play short solos with a real pianist. Please be sure to read ALL the computer system requirements, so you can be sure your computer is compatible with the program. Please do not share the discount code with students outside the studio, I cannot support students outside the studio.

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child's teacher is recommending SmartMusic as a very efficient and enjoyable way to practice at home. The code listed below will let you purchase a SmartMusic subscription for \$25 - a savings of \$95 over the normal home subscription of \$9.95 per month.

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\* Visit [www.smartmusic.com](http://www.smartmusic.com) and enter your code to purchase a subscription for \$25. (This subscription gives you access to the entire accompaniment library and all of SmartMusic's features for one year from your date of purchase).

\* You can also choose to purchase a microphone for \$15 and other accessories. A microphone is required for recording, Intelligent Accompaniment, tuning and assessment. While most microphones (including built-in mics) will work with SmartMusic, we recommend the SmartMusic microphone because it has undergone extensive testing to ensure the best results with the program. It also has a clip (instrumental) or headset (vocal) to place the mic in the optimal position.

\* For convenience, we accept all major credit cards. If you would prefer to pay with a check, just contact us at 888-874-2144 with your code for instructions on where to mail your check. You will be shipped a free SmartMusic CD-ROM and any accessories you ordered. (shipping charges apply)

\* Install SmartMusic and the entire accompaniment library from the CD-ROM. No downloading is necessary.

\* Open SmartMusic and activate your subscription by following the on-screen instructions. You will need to enter your email address and password that you created when you ordered your subscription. Activation takes a few minutes and does require an Internet connection. (No ongoing Internet connection is needed to use SmartMusic after activation.)

\* Start practicing! You can learn how to set-up and use SmartMusic by watching the SmartMusic QuickStart Videos. These videos can be accessed from the Help menu, the last screen of the Setup Wizard or the Welcome

screen before you activate your subscription.

If you have any questions about how to use SmartMusic or encounter any problems, please don't hesitate to call our toll-free Technical Support line at 866-240-4041. Our phones are open weekdays from 8.30am-8pm (CST). You can also submit your question online at <http://support.makemusic.com>.

More about SmartMusic ([www.smartmusic.com](http://www.smartmusic.com)):

This award-winning, computer-based interactive practice system gives students the tools and accompaniments they need to get better on their own:

- \* Over 30,000 titles that make practicing at home fun!
- \* Built-in Tuner and Metronome keep students in tune with a steady beat
- \* Recording encourages students to analyze their performances.
- \* Exercises that develop individual skills display right on the screen with a choice of accompaniments.
- \* Beginning band and string students are guided with colorful Assessment graphics (String assessment currently available for violin and viola only).

#### **System Requirements**

##### Windows

Pentium III-class 800MHz processor or higher, 256MB RAM, Windows 2000/XP. CD-ROM drive. 700MB free disk space. Microphone. Direct X 9 compatible sound card with full duplex support. One available USB or serial port for the foot pedal (optional). Monitor resolution 1024x768 (800x600 minimum).

##### Macintosh

867MHz G4 processor or higher, Mac OS 10.3.9 or higher. 512MB RAM (256MB RAM minimum). CD-ROM drive. 700MB free disk space. Microphone and microphone adaptor. Speakers or headphones. Additional USB port for the foot pedal (optional). Monitor resolution 1024x768 (800x600 minimum).

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