



Dear Students and Friends of Classical Music:

We are having our special **Scale Olympics Celebration** in our home, on Saturday, March 24th, from 4 to 5:30. Please wear your **T shirts**, and we'll be taking lots of pictures! We will give out **Trophies, Medals** and **Prizes** for Most Instruments Played, Most Scales, Most Chords, and Arpeggios, and Most Rehearsals. The left and right brain hemispheres do twice as much communication when you are using your left and right hands together, reading, listening, counting, singing words, moving fingers and lips, and perhaps putting some *feeling* into your music. You can even learn to turn pages without missing a beat!

We are choosing more songs and pieces for our Spring Recital on Friday, May 4th, 7:00 pm at the First Baptist Church of Woodstock. While a few students have only been taking lessons for a month or two, we are beginning to understand the elements of why music *sounds* like music! We have formed unique performance groups for the students to be in, and scheduling FREE group lessons in our home for March and April. The ORCHESTRA is playing "The Moldau", The Middle School PIANO HORNS will perform Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmuzik", the SIBLING CHIMES will play "the Bridal March", the CHOIR will sing "Dona Nobis Pacem" in 3 part harmony, and CLASSICAL GUITARS and HARPS will take us to "Scarborough Fair". I have included a Free Group Lessons Rehearsal Schedule on our March and April Calendars.

Soloists will be playing the 9 foot grand piano, our Clavinova, and the new Roland C230 Organ and Harpsichord. Classical music needs to be played on the instruments it was written for! The piano is a wonderful thing, but it was not invented when Bach or Mozart were composing! All students were taught to read, write and sing in Latin at that time, and all church music, prayers, and liturgy were in Latin. Our Children's Choir will be singing "Dona Nobis Pacem" in Latin, and now, we'll learn what "gorgeous" sounded like in the 1600's!

We will be playing in the orchestra's seats, and have to be very careful to get things back exactly as they were. We are so thankful to the church, and to the Celebration Orchestra for letting us use their wonderful facilities.

Our Summer Scholarship Winners will be announced, and you can begin signing up for Buy One – Get One Free lessons or classes in June and July.

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