



Schmitt Music's Strike up the BAND!



Orchestra Continuo

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You Can March This Summer!

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Register now for the Strike Up the Marching Band! You do not want to miss signing up and participating in the Schmitt Music Strike Up the Marching Band. We are in need of Strike Up the Band members with at least one year of playing experience. The band camp will include learning to march, the opportunity to play some non-traditional instruments and having a lot of fun! Check out the registration form attached to this newsletter for dates, times, locations and cost of the camp. If you have any questions, please email Kris Knutson, Director of Education, at kris.knutson@schmittmusic.com or call at 763.398.5046. Do not wait until the last minute to register...do it NOW!! Registration deadline is May 26!

Free Month of Tuition! Pre-Register Now!

It's time to start thinking about the Fall! The time has come to pre-register your child for Strike Up the Band/Orchestra Continuo in the Fall. Those that pre-register by June 5 will be entered into a drawing for a free month of tuition! By pre-registering your child, they will be ready to start band/orchestra right away in September. You will not have that "One more thing to remember to do" when school starts. All it takes to register is \$10 per student! Billing for tuition does not begin until August. This would also be a great time to check out our Trial Purchase programs available only to our Strike Up the Band and our Orchestra Continuo students. Please contact the Education Office at 763.398.5046 with any questions regarding the band or orchestra programs or the Trial Purchase program. If you go into a store and ask about the Strike Up the Band Trial Purchase program, they will not know about it and charge you full price! Registration forms are available now on both the Strike Up the Band and Orchestra Continuo website at www.schmittmusic website.

Congratulations Honor Band Students!

On Saturday, April 28, Strike Up the Band hosted their annual Honors Band Concert at St. Andrew's Church in Mahtomedi, MN. Numerous students auditioned and forty-five students were selected to be part of this year's Honors Band. The students arrived at 9:30 a.m. and rehearsed with Mrs. Kimberly Graff, our guest conductor, until 4:00 p.m. At 7:00 pm that evening, these students performed five musical selections that ranged in difficulty from 2 to 3.5. Cecilia Petruconis from St. Helena, Anthony Korpi and Jonas Burand both from Shoreview Home School band all performed their Solos from this year's Solo/Ensemble day. The students participating did a fabulous job and would be happy to share their thoughts on this experience. The list of selected students is available on page 2 of this newsletter. Once again, congratulations on a job well done!

Strike Up the Beginner Band!

Strike Up the Beginner Band is for students brand new to Strike Up the Band and to playing an instrument. We will give these students a great head start that will get them playing fun songs over the summer so they are raring to go in the Fall. They will learn the basics of assembling, cleaning, maintaining, and playing using a book with songs they will know and enjoy. We strongly suggest that all beginner students sign-up for our Summer Beginner Band. Students must be pre-enrolled in Strike Up the Band in order to register for Strike Up the Beginner Band. Students will enjoy 6 group lessons for the low cost of \$49. Each lesson will run from 9:00-11:00 am at the Schmitt Music Brooklyn Center store location and from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Schmitt Music Roseville store location on the following dates: July 10,11,12,17,18,19. Or choose, at the same locations the same times on the following dates: August 7,8,9,14,15,16. For more information or to register, contact Kris Knutson at 763.398.5046 or at kris.knutson@schmittmusic.com. Forms are also attached to this email.

Enrollment forms for all programs are available online at www.schmittmusic.com!



2012 Honor Band Participants



East Metro Home School

Hans Verhoeven, Horn
Garrett Verhoeven, Oboe
Mikaela Harder, Flute
Joel Robinette, Clarinet

Gethsemane Lutheran

Harrison Edwards, Trumpet
Eric Johnson, Trombone

St. Stephen

Emily Ludewig, Flute
Aleeza Garduah, Flute
Maria Lamps, Tenor Sax

St. Helena

Lee Menke, Alto Sax
Cecilia Petruconis, Horn
Ben Kemp, Trombone
Claire Fritz, Percussion

Shoreview Home School

Kelsey Rothermel, Flute
Lorissa Ziemer, Flute
Alexandra Matt, Flute
Alicia Korpi, Clarinet
Hannah Stephenson, Clarinet
Tony Burand, Clarinet
David Tonkinson, Clarinet
Jonas Burand, Alto Sax
Nathan Rothermel, Bassoon
Anthony Korpi, Trumpet
Daniel Rothermel, Trumpet
Chad Ziemer, Trumpet
Jackie Lofstad, Trumpet
Patrick Kasl, String Bass
Alex Stephenson, Percussion

St. John Lutheran

Wyatt Thurber, Trumpet
Samantha Orth, Percussion

Mary Queen of Peace

Jon Eiden, Alto Sax
Alex Moudry, Trumpet

Salem Lutheran

Janell Ritari, Alto Sax

St. Michael

Julianna Miller, Trombone
Ryan Trapp, Percussion

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A very special thank you to our Strike Up the Band Staff:

Bruce Bissonett, Michelle Edlund, Melinda Langlie,

Bruce Felt, Kelsey Jacobson and Kris Pichelman!

Top Ten Reasons to Pre-Enroll in Band/ Orchestra During the Spring

10. If you re-enroll now, you will not have to remember to do it in the Fall!
9. Pay only the \$10 registration fee now and billing will be all set to begin in the Fall.
8. Reserve your instrument and have it all ready to go for Summer Band or for the Fall with our great Trial Purchase Plan.
7. Your child will start the school year attending band or orchestra.
6. Give your director and school principal an idea of how many students will be participating in band or orchestra.
5. New band students can participate in our Summer Beginner Band Program and learn to play their instrument before school begins in September.
4. Avoid additional stress and expense in September during "Back to School" time.
3. Be entered in a drawing to receive one month of free tuition!
2. Review numbers 3-8!

**1. Avoid tuition increase that will happen beginning August 1, 2012:
One student = \$52 per month and additional students \$42 per month!**

Rock Star Academy Summer Sessions!

The Schmitt Music Rock Star Academy will be kicking off its summer programming beginning on June 11. All sessions during the summer will be for beginners that are interested in learning drums, keyboards, guitar, bass and vocals. Rock Star Academy is located in our Brooklyn Center Schmitt Music location. Our summer sessions include a four or eight day programs that will meet daily or nightly, Monday through Thursday, for 2 or 3 hours. Curriculum will include basic chords, theory, music history, songs and fun. Registration must be received prior to the first week of instruction. You can register online at www.schmittmusic.com/rockstar. Exact dates will be posted on the website soon. Feel free to register now to guarantee a spot. You will be contacted to find out which camp dates will work for you. Check the website for more information. Camp prices begin as low as \$99!



Do You Have Small Ones? Well, We Have Small-Stars!



Need something for your 3-6 year olds to do this summer? Check out our Small-Star's programs available at our Brooklyn Center, Edina and Burnsville locations. Classes available for 3/4 yr. olds and 5/6 yr. olds and are a lot of fun! If you want to learn more about this program check out our website or come visit us on Tuesday, June 19 at Camp Arbor at the Shoppes at Arbor Lake as we lead a class from 10:30-11:30 absolutely free!

Family Music and Book Festival

Come join us at Rhythm & Words Family Music and Book Festival on Saturday, June 9 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Burnsville Performing Arts Center. We will be offering a Musical Instrument Petting Zoo! This would be a great time to get your enrollment forms in or sign up for a Trial Purchase. It would also be a nice time to learn all about the other music education opportunities that Schmitt Music has to offer! Hope to see you there!



What Is Practice? The Journey Continues...

Join me on a monthly journey exploring "What Is Practice?" This month is about the benefits of summer music camp. Music camp is not necessary, but is a lot of fun! Summer vacation is the best time for children to recharge their mental energy, and it is also a great time to enjoy music making. It can also be a helpful alternative for parents who cannot afford regular private lessons but who do want to provide some music enrichment during the summer months.

In a summer music camp, your child will be able to experience music in a special way that is impossible during the daily school schedule. Half-day camps are an option. There are also full-day sleepover camps that can last for several days or weeks.

The most important thing to remember during these summer months is to keep practicing. You do not need to practice the same amount that you did during the school year, however you do not want to forget what you learned. So keep practicing and playing this summer!

- Kris Knutson, Education Manager

A Letter From the Editor...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for such a great year! We had a lot of fun with our two festivals and Honor Band. We also had a great turnout for our Solo and Ensemble.

When I would visit your child's band room and had the opportunity to listen to your students play they were always excited to show me what they could do. I encourage all of you to keep your child playing in band and if they decide that they do not like the instrument they are playing, let them try a different one! There are many instruments to choose from. The important thing is that you keep music in their lives as music is such an important skill that will help them develop their mind both emotionally and rationally. Please take advantage of this pre-registration and the free month of tuition contest. I know that in this economy every little bit helps and I hope that your child's music can still stay in your monthly budget for years to come.

I thank you for allowing Schmitt Music, the staff and myself the opportunity to teach your student this gift of music. Always, if you ever need anything from me or have a question, please do not hesitate to ask.

I wish you all a safe and fantastic summer and hope to see you participating in one of our summer programs. If not, have your child keep practicing and we will see you next year! Take care. K2



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Schmitt Music began the Strike Up the Band program in 1965 to bring music to metro area children in private and parochial schools where a full-time band director was not feasible. In 1992 the program expanded to help Home School families allow their children to participate in group music.

Thank you for choosing to enroll your child and giving them the experience of learning to play a band or orchestra instrument. With the weekly group lessons, weekly band/orchestra rehearsals and concert performances, you are enabling your child with the group music experience important to every child's complete education!

Register Now!

Pre-Register Now for Strike Up the Band and
Orchestra Continuo before August 1
price change!!!

Hot Items!

Many more at your local Schmitt Music store!

J. Jump - A Fitness System for Happier, Healthier Children

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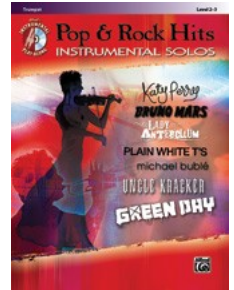
Cost: \$19.95 per DVD



Pop & Rock Hits - Instrumental Solos

This book is part of an instrumental series arranged for Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Trumpet, Horn in F, and Trombone. The arrangements are completely compatible with each other and can be played together or as solos. Each book contains a carefully edited part that is appropriate for the Level 2-3 player, as well as a fully orchestrated accompaniment CD. The CD includes a DEMO track of each song, which features a live instrumental performance, followed by a PLAY-ALONG track. Titles: 21 Guns * Animal * Boulevard of Broken Dreams * Firework * Grenade * Haven't Met You Yet * In My Head * Just the Way You Are * Need You Now * Rhythm of Love * Smile

Cost: \$10.99



Private Lessons

Registration fee of 50% off if you sign up this month for private lessons at one of our Schmitt Music locations. All instruments available. For more information visit our website at www.schmittmusic.com.

Cost: Varies by teacher

