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A warm welcome to all our members - especially new members, parents/teachers and pupils and best wishes for 1983.

May I request that everyone READS, if necessary files relevant information and marks relevant dates on the calendar - for memory jogging! Please too, make an effort to respond to requests if relevant to you.

A number of reports follow - on events held during the last two months - many thanks to the contributors.

Dr SUZUKI says

"Progress depends on practice"

FINANCIAL MATTERS

When forwarding money to the Institute, please be clear what it is for, and to whom it should be sent.

Please DO NOT combine membership fees with tape hire fees or book fees

Each has its own account, administered by different people.

Membership fees: to Mr Wayne Budd, N.S.Z.I. P.O. Box 6058, Hamilton.

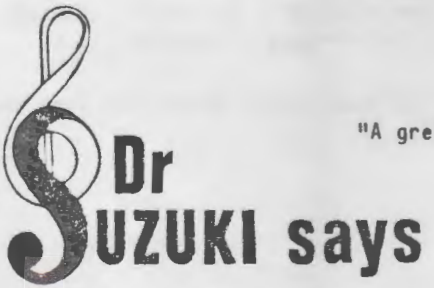
Violin tapes: Mrs Mary Allan, 15 Beale St. Hamilton. Phone 395-146

Piano tapes: Mrs Chris East, 62 Fifth Ave, Hamilton. Phone 59-522

Books & Records: Mrs Pam Beehan, Crossburn Road, R.D.3. Hamilton.

HAWKES BAY CONCERT & VIOLIN SCHOOL

The benefit concert for Mrs Mayme Earle was both a success and enjoyed by all. In a recent letter to us she says - ".. my very sincere thanks an appreciation for making the mini-school and concert weekend possible and memorable." She also thanked the Hamilton adults and children who travelled down to support the Hawkes Bay group.



"A great violinist never forgets"

JANUARY VIOLIN SUMMER SCHOOL HOMAI COLLEGE

Well, the Violin Camp for 1983 has been and gone, and thoroughly enjoyed once again by those people in attendance. It was great to see familiar faces and also to welcome "first timers".

Those who knew Miss Anne Lewis from last year were delighted to renew their acquaintance with her and also to welcome Mrs Mary Monticone to N.Z. for the first time. For many it was a chance to again say a warm "Hello" to Miss Kathy Shelhart after her trip home to the U.S.A. for Christmas, and these three, along with Mrs Barbara Ker, provided the violinists with excellent tuition.

I would at this time like to make a special mention of Mrs Heather Kerr who so freely gives of her time and talentto accompany anyone and everyone with sensitive and brilliant piano playing along with a beautiful encouraging smile.

A big thank you must also go to Mr & Mrs Graeme Harkness and others who helped with the organisation of the camp. It is a lot of work, mainly done during their holidays. A big job, but well worth it! Thank you.

The daily concerts, as usual, provided many highlights and a chance for each violinist to perform individually. The highlight must surely have been a cello trio performed by none other than the President himself (Mr Graeme Harkness), Mr Bob Kerr and Mrs Kay Holley, ably accompanied by Catherine Holley. Well done!

I for one, appreciated the excellent facilities available at Homai College. Not having to cook and/or clean up, was a joy and even more of a joy was not having to go outside by torchlight to you know where?!

Violin camp is so much more than just playing the violin and mention must be made of the camaraderie and sharing of fun, knowledge and experiences by both adults and children alike. Perhaps the lack of a lounge big enough to accommodate us all at once was a pity, in that we couldn't have our evening get-togethers and sing-a-long.

As usual there are always some complaints and this year's seems to be that some of the big kids misbehaved - by big kids I mean those over 35, which excludes me of course, who - rumour has it - talked to the wee small hours and, would you believe it, swimming at 3.00 in the morning. Disgusting. I would never do that, but I shall exert poetic justice and use a non-de-plume.

Roll on Violin Camp 1984. We will be there for sure!

Signed: Violin Camp Enthusiast

FUTURE DATES TO NOTE:

Benefit Concert for Simon Griffiths Date: April 16th 1983

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: Centennial Hall, Auckland Boys Grammar School, Mountain Rd., Mt Eden.

Bookings and ticket purchase: Harbourne & Arthur, 52 High Street, Auckland. Phone 790-960

or, Evelyn Gallowy, 362 River Road, Hamilton. Phone 53-618

Prices: Adults $5-00, Students $2-00. Children $1-00.

Background This concert is being held to raise funds to help Simon travel to Japan, to study the Suzuki method, and train as a teacher. Simon, originally from Hamilton, lives in Auckland; and has being playing the violin

for about six years.

Piano soloists for the concert will be chosen by audition. Teachers in Auckland and Hamilton who would like pupils to audition, please write to N.Z.S.I. giving name and age of child by March 5th. Audition piece played by the child will be the piece to be played at the concert.

Dr SUZUKI says...

"Build a stone wall on a solid foundation"

Hamilton Family Concerts

Date: Friday March 11th 1983

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Baptist Church, Knighton Road. Please bring a plate.

Date: Sunday March 27th 1983

Time: 4 - 5.30 p.m.

Place: Baptist Church, Knighton Road.

Date: Friday April 29th 1983

Time: 7 p.m.

Venue to be decided - notification later.

August Conference 1983

Dates: Wednesday 24th - Sunday 28th August - inclusive. Venue to be finalised.

INTERNATIONAL TOUR

Date: One performance in Hamilton, Saturday November 5th.

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Place: Founders Theatre

Date: Auckland Sunday November 6th

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Auckland Town Hall

Background The children are known as "The Suzuki Children" from Japan, educated by Suzuki's method. "We are not teaching them to become professional musicians. I believe that sensitivity and love for music and art are important to people of all ages." - Shinichi Suzuki

People who are skilled and willing to help in organizing this event, contact Bob Kerr, co-ordinator/organiser, Hamilton, Phone 64-697

Summer School - January 1983

Anyone who has ideas of suitable possible venues for this event, please contact the N.Z.S.I. Executive by March 11th, P.O. Box 6058, Hamilton, and pass on relevant information. Your help is your success.

Next Executive Meeting:

Date: Friday March 18th

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: 359 Peachgrove Road (G & D Harkness)

INFORMATION

Library A few books have been bought to form a library - and in the future more will be added to it. Basically it is intended that borrowing be a free service of the Institute. The borrower pays postage both ways, and if the book becomes overdue, then the borrower becomes liable to pay a fine. Journals will be catalogued and available.

The Librarian will be Mrs Sylvia Hart, 129 Cambridge Road, Hamilton. Phone 67-997. Our thanks to Sylvia.

Available so far -

Ibuka - Kindergarten is Too Late

Starr, W. - The Suzuki Violinist

Suzuki, S. - Nurtured by Love

Herman, W. - The Man and His Philosophy

Suzuki - The Law of Ability and the Mother Tongue Method of Education

Bookshop Books and Records are available for purchase - enquiries and orders should be addressed to Mrs P. Beehan, Crossburn Road, R.D.3. Hamilton. Some of the titles available are:

Suzuki - Nurtured by Love

Suzuki - Ability Development from Age Zero

Ibuka - Kindergarten is Too Late

Violin sets - available as sets only
Violin Accompaniment Tapes
Violin Etudes
Viola Books and Tapes
Cello Sets
Flute Sets

All Piano Volumes
Piano Records
Quint Etudes
Home Concert
Method Rose - Sightreading - Piano
Guitar Books

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information to or about teachers

Teacher Training: Programmes for Piano Teachers are run weekly at Waikato Technical Institute, involving discussions and playing of Suzuki repertoire.

In Auckland and Hawkes Bay there are weekend courses. The date of the next has yet to be finalised.

There will also be a Seminar in Tauranga soon.

Enquiries from any district to: P.O. Box 6058, Hamilton.

It is hoped similar programmes for Violin teachers will be introduced in the near future.

Accredited and Recommended Teachers: A comprehensive list is being compiled and will be published in the next Newsletter. In the meantime any enquiries should be addressed to the N.Z.S.I. at the above address.

Dr SUZUKI says...

"Advancing quickly will make pupils fall behind"

ADVERTISEMENTS

Lost Property	Left behind at the Summer School, Homai College, a child's blue dress; a blue towel; a purple facecloth; small jandals (brown); crocheted child's shoes. Also a sleeveless black cardigan.
For Sale	Full size violin, $65-00. Phone Ron Leach. Hamilton 57-031
For Sale	¼ size violin, Nagoya Suzuki, excellent condition, $180. Phone Heather Malins, Hamilton 54-915
To Buy	¼ size violin, Suzuki if possible. Good condition. Contact Varvara Walker, 52 Fifth Ave, Hamilton, Phone 54-231
To Buy	1/16 size violin. Contact Kathy Thompson, Papatoetoe Phone 278-9153

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