



# North Shore School for the Arts

Enriching Lives through the Arts

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## SPRING NEWSLETTER

### Carlos Bendfeldt Recognized as Outstanding Teacher

We are pleased to report that guitar teacher Carlos Bendfeldt has been honored by The Winnetka Alliance for Early Childhood and is receiving their 2008 Early Childhood Teacher Tribute. This award recognizes Carlos' dedication and enthusiasm as he shares his love of music with all of his students at the North Shore School for the Arts.

Carlos has been a faculty member since the school's inception in 2001. His studio has grown to be the largest in the school with 50 students-most of whom are eager to continue study with him year after year. Two- year student Tommy Ashman explains, "I really like having lessons with Carlos; he is very skilled and has good sense of humor. He is amazing!"



*Carlos in a lesson with student Sophie Stempel*

Carlos will be accepting his award at a dinner hosted by The Winnetka Alliance later this month. We are very proud of all of Carlos' hard work and accomplishments!

### Winter Recitals Warm-Up Our Weekend



*Students flash a smile after their performances on Saturday afternoon*

This past month students, parents and teachers braved the chilly weather to enjoy a weekend that showcased the talents of many of our hard working students. Our January recital weekend featured a total of four afternoon concerts and 44 performers- a record for our school! Nine of our studios were represented as the audience enjoyed selections that ranged from Broadway songs to Bach to Bartok and beyond.

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## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: RANDALL RUBACK



We are excited that Randall Ruback is joining our faculty to create a low brass (trombone, euphonium, tuba, and French horn) studio at the North Shore School for the Arts. An international performing artist and nationally recognized teacher of brass instruments, Randy is also a prize-winning composer and a conductor, and has recorded for film, radio, television and disk. He holds both a Graduate Certificate and an M.M. in Trombone Performance from Northwestern University, and a B.M. in

Trombone Performance from the Mannes College of Music, in addition to studies at Indiana University. He has been teaching for 29 years, 19 of them in the southeastern Wisconsin area, and his teaching expertise ranges from the gifted and talented to those with learning challenges. His students consistently place high in the country's top local and national youth orchestras, include six concerto competition winners, and study at some of the nation's top universities, including Northwestern and Indiana Universities.

Randy shared with us, "I am very pleased to be joining the faculty of the North Shore School for the Arts, and am looking forward to building a strong and vital low brass program here."

Randy's low brass studio is currently accepting new students. For more information on Randy's professional background or to schedule lessons, please visit our web site or call the office!



## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings to all of the members of the NSSA family and welcome to the Spring 2009 semester! I am so excited to be presenting you with our first newsletter! We are beginning this newsletter program as a way to inform you of the great things happening at our school and to stay connected with all of you!

As you peruse this newsletter, I hope you'll notice all the new programs we have planned for the upcoming semester. Not only are we looking forward to a group trip to see Mary Poppins, we are also excited to present a new summer camp that combines music, art and dance in a fun-filled atmosphere. Favorites such as Kindermusik, songwriting and group voice classes are also returning for the summer months. We would love to see you and your family join us for these events.

You may have read our cover story highlighting the award faculty member Carlos Bendfeldt has received. We are so happy to report accomplishments such as this and would love for you to submit good news about your students. Feel free to share with us your accomplishments and opinions—please submit your suggestions and reports of special events to our office.

It always gives me great pleasure to see friends exchange happy greetings as they arrive for lessons and classes and experience the wonderful sense of community at all of our recitals. If you have any ideas that may help this sense of family grow and strengthen, please pass them along.

Finally, I am happy to report that we have record enrollment in our dance classes and significant growth in many of our instrumental and vocal studios. I would like to personally thank you for your dedicated patronage to the North Shore School for the Arts. I appreciate your involvement with our family and look forward to working with you for many semesters to come!

--Emi Kelsey  
Executive Director

## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- March 2**            "Learn to be a Rock Drummer" Class  
 NSSA 1<sup>st</sup> Floor            \* Free and open to the public  
 6:30 PM                        as part of *TV Tune Out Week*
- March 5**            "Learn to be a Rock Drummer" Class  
 NSSA 1<sup>st</sup> Floor            \* Repeat class  
 6:30 PM
- March 10**          Brandon Seyferth and Hot Heels  
 Wicker Park            Records live at *Double Door*  
 9:00 PM                        \*Ages 21 and up
- March 23-28**      Spring Break (No Classes)
- April 8**             Broadway Show: *Mary Poppins*  
 Cadillac Theater            \*Discounted group tickets available  
 8:00 PM                        in the office
- May 25**             Memorial Day (No Classes)
- June 2-8**           Spring Make-Up Week
- June 8**             Summer Semester Begins

## JANUARY RECITALS

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Recitals at the North Shore School for the Arts have always focused on sharing what we love to do with those around us. Rather than a "showcase" to note perfect performances, we prefer to see recitals as opportunities to spread the joy of music with our families and the community. We want our students and families to relax and enjoy themselves! The January recitals definitely met that goal as many the weekends' attendees expressed their appreciation and delight for each of the concerts.

We look forward to a variety of school and studio recitals soon to be scheduled for the Spring Semester. If you or your student in interested in performing, please let your teacher know!

## RECITAL PICTURES ON SALE NOW!

Stop into the office to view proofs and purchase copies of your performer from the January concerts.

## BROADWAY, HERE WE COME!



Interested in seeing Broadway's *Mary Poppins* at the Cadillac Theater? Discounted tickets (\$27.00 per person) are available through our school for the April 8<sup>th</sup>- 7:30 PM show. If you are interested in joining us for this event, please stop in or call our office. Only 25 spots are available!



# SUMMER CAMPS ARE HERE!



**Session I- May 11 - June 12**

**Session II- June 22 - July 20**

**\*Call for class dates and times**

**Village- Birth- 18 months**

(I) *Peek-A-Boo I Love You!*

(II) *Busy Days*

\$110 per session

**Our Time- 18 months-3 years**

(I) *Zoo Train*

(II) *Creatures in My Back Yard*

\$110 per session

**Imagine That- 3 - 5 years**

(I) *Confetti Days* \$115

(II) *On the Road* \$110

**ABC Music and Me- 4 - 6 years**

Session I only, \$95

**Young Child- 4 - 6 years**

Session II only, \$110

## Private Lessons

Include your lessons in your summer hobbies!  
 Register for only the weeks you'll know  
 you'll be in town!

## Songwriting Intensives

Flexible scheduling available

Intensive programs run for 4 days, 3 hours per day

Limit 2 students per intensive

Price: \$250

(includes tuition and recording materials)

## NSSA Kids Camp

Ages 3-6

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 - 12:00

Activities include music, art and dance everyday!

Session I June 8 - July 10

Session II July 20 - August 21

Call for more information!

## Voice Classes



### *Disney Songs for Kids*

Group I: Ages 4-6

Group II: Ages 7-11

Early and late summer sessions  
 available- \$125 per session

\*Call for days and times

### *Broadway Songs*

Group I: Ages 4-6

Group II: Ages 7-11

Early and late summer sessions  
 available- \$125 per session

\*Call for days and times

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