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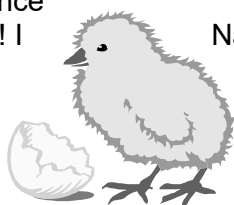
SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

Fiddleheads Violin School will begin publishing a quarterly newsletter for all students and their families. By writing it I hope to include everyone in sharing recent events, remind you of important dates and policies, and encourage open communication between myself and my community.

First of all, I happily announce that I am expecting a baby! I am due to have the baby around the end of October.

Everyone's first concern is whether I will be teaching anymore. I hope to teach in the fall, with my doctor's approval, and

continue part-time in early 2001. Of course, this all depends on how the baby and I feel and if there is someone who can watch the baby while I teach. I am open to teaching a few individuals in exchange for an afternoon of childcare once a week. If anyone is interested, please let me know.



Naturally, we have plenty of time to prepare for this new "transition." Any suggestions are welcome. As well, we are looking for baby things (furniture, clothing, toys, etc.) and will greatly appreciate any leads.

ANYONE FOR BEETHOVEN?

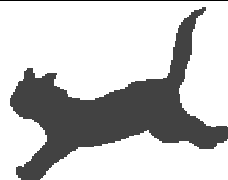


I am performing Beethoven's Ninth (*Choral*) Symphony with the *Kamloops Symphony* on Saturday, April 8th at 8 pm. The concert is held at the *Sagebrush Theatre* in Kamloops. Admission is \$22 for adults, \$12 for children, and \$17 for students and seniors.

I highly recommend this concert as it is excellent exposure to top-notch musicians, a chance to learn about professional orchestras, and most-importantly, perhaps the most beautiful peice of music ever written! We can arrange carpooling between families. Call me if you are interested.

"THAT CAT CAN REALLY SWING"

We have another new addition to the Schmitt household. Scofield (named after Jazz guitarist John Scofield) is Schubert's new kitten friend. Make sure to introduce yourself to our new music-lover.



OTHER TID-BITS

- Is anyone interested in presenting a Spring concert? Formal or casual? What dates are good for you?
- Parking: Please park off the side of the road on the grass. This allows for traffic to pass by on the narrow street.
- I am an instructor with the *Shuswap Summer School of the Arts*. The *Fiddle Workshop* is July 16. The *Classical Music Appreciation* classes are July 18 & 20. Call 832-6807 for info. Spread the word, we need enrollment. Thanks.



PAYMENT & CANCELLATION

I'm taking the opportunity to revise the payment and cancellation policies. Payments have fallen behind in the past and I believe this will clear up any misunderstanding.

I prefer monthly payment, as it makes book-keeping simpler, but can accommodate students who prefer to pay weekly. Please review the following policies.

Monthly Payments:

Monthly payment is due the last week prior to the new month. For example, June lesson payment is due the last week in May.

This way every lesson is paid for in advance, including the first lesson of the month. Post-dated cheques for the first of the month are acceptable. See the payment schedule for monthly fees.

Weekly Payments: Weekly payments will now pay for the following lesson. This means, the first week the student pays for 2 lessons, the first lesson and next week's lesson as well. The second week a single payment is required, to pay for the following lesson.

Cancellation Policy: I remind all students that my cancellation policy is that there are no refunds more missed or cancelled lessons. A make-up lesson will be scheduled if sufficient notice is given. I ammend this policy and add that atleast 24 hours' notice must be given to merit a make-up. If less than 24 hour's notice is given, students will still be charged for the scheduled lesson time.

If you have any questions regarding these policies, please feel free to discuss them with me.