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## Beethoven Grandeur Concert: Reserve Your Tickets Now

Next Spring promises Beethoven fans a real treat!

**Kamloops Symphony** is playing the his 2nd Symphony and the stunningly beautiful Violin Concerto (featuring soloist **Carla Trynchuk**.)

It so happens *Beethoven's Violin Concerto* is my absolute favourite piece of music. (I listened to it twice while I was in labour). I will have the great privilege of playing 1st violin!

The concert will be at the **Sagebrush Theatre** (Kamloops) on **Saturday, March 9 at 8pm**. Tickets to the KSO concerts usually sell out so book yours soon. Call **(250) 374-5483**.

I was thinking a "field trip" would be fun. I can get permission for my students to watch the dress rehearsal. As well anyone is welcome to come with me to the Wednesday night rehearsals to see what a professional orchestra is like.



**Fiddleheads** entertained Christmas shoppers at Piccadilly Place Mall last December (above). This year they will play at Pioneer Lodge, Bastion Place, and other retirement homes, the schedule to be announced.

All string players are welcome to play carols with this fun and inspirational group. We meet Thursdays at 6 PM. ☞

## A Violinist's Christmas List... Some Suggestions

### Music Store or Luthier

Chromatic Tuner (\$45)

Rosin (\$8)

Music Stand (\$20)

Set of Dominant or Helicore Strings (\$45)

*Fiddler's Fakebook* (\$35)

New bridge (\$50)

Shoulder rest (\$50-\$75)

Oblong Violin Case (\$125)

Bow repair (\$50)

### Fiddleheads Violin School

Staff Paper (\$5)

Violin Binder (\$10)

### Office Supply Store

Mechanical Pencil & Eraser (\$2)

### Toy Store

Stradivarius 3D Puzzle (\$20)

Mini Violin ornament (\$5)

### Cash

Tuition to a Fiddle Camp or Workshop

Money for a new Violin!

Spending cash for books, strings, etc

### Miscellaneous

Bust of your favourite composer

CD recording of a violin master

Notation software ([www.noteworthy.com](http://www.noteworthy.com))

Tickets to a symphony or solo concert

# Baby Ryan *A Year in Review* October 2000 to October 2001

**October, 2000:** Birth! 1st hug. 1st sunset. 1st Halloween. (In fact, a lot of firsts...)  
**November:** Held his head up. Looked Mama in the eye. 1st Jazz concert.  
**December:** Smiled. Looked at lights. 1st Christmas.  
**January, 2001:** Knew his name. Hair grew in. "Talked."  
**February:** Jumped in Jolly Jumper. 1st bottle. 1st plane trip.  
**March:** Rolled over on his own. Really started to like toys.  
**April:** 1st few teeth came in. 1st time touching a violin.  
**May:** Began eating solids. Rode on rocking-cow, "baba."  
**June:** Said "mama." Started "worming" (pre-crawling). Ate dirt.  
**July:** Danced to music. Swam in the lake. Met **Grandpa Daniel**.  
**August:** Crawled on hands and feet. Said "dada."  
**September:** Brushed his hair and teeth. Took first step with **Rebekah**.  
**October:** Started 1st steps. 1st haircut. 1st birthday party. ☾



Ryan enjoys his birthday cake (left); "Super Baby" practices walking on Halloween (far left); Only two minutes after birth, Ryan was 7lbs, 9 oz and 20" tall (below).



### *A reminder to all students:*

Sheet music is available for 10¢ a page.  
Please keep dimes in your case and remember to pay at your lesson.

## Share the Spirit

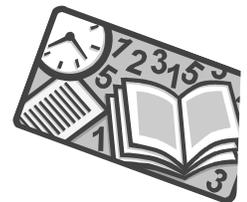
'Tis the season to give to those in need! What better gift than the gift of music! **I encourage my students to play music for seniors homes, food bank fundraisers, and charitable causes.** ☾

## Rhiannon's Sick Leave

I have never cancelled lessons before on account of an illness, until a few weeks ago. After months of resisting it, I finally succumbed to the *flu*. Lessons were cancelled on November 6th and 7th (Tuesday and Wednesday).

As a result I will make up the time by:

1. Adding time to the end of each lesson for a few weeks (if there is room in the schedule.)
2. Teach 2 lessons in one week.



I do not wish to credit students' accounts for the end of the semester as it makes my accounting difficult. If your lesson was cancelled please let me know what works best for you. ☾

## Midwinter Fantasia Concert

Following a tradition set last January, **Anna Höstman** and I will play another **Midwinter** concert in January, 2002.

The date and time has not been confirmed, but we do know that it will be a small audience house concert with deserts! ☾

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## Harps in Winter

An  
enchanting  
trio  
of  
Celtic  
Harps  
&  
Harmonies



### *Damsels in Concert*

Featuring Ryan's **Grandma Caroline** (far right)

**Saturday, Dec. 1, 8pm**

at **The United Church, Salmon Arm**

Advance Tickets: United Church 832-3860 or Spirit Quest 804-0392

**Ticket Prices: Adults \$14 ~ Children \$10**