



The Player!

A Look at the Let's Play! Studio Happenings

May - June 2007

Let's Chat, Shall We?

We offer brief verbal reports on progress weekly at the end of each lesson. We provide written evaluations on students annually. And now is the time for our annual Teacher Conferences for interested students or their families.

All students enrolled thru June 15, 2007 are invited to schedule a teacher conference with the student's lead instructor. These are not mandatory, as many students feel well connected already with their progress, strengths, weaknesses, and what they can do to improve. However, this is a chance to spend a few minutes hearing about how the instructor feels, to ask any questions, and to make sure we're all on the same page. Parents of students under age 18 may sign up, or students over age 18 may sign up directly for themselves. The conferences will be held June 28-30 during select times.

Now That Was Something...

Congratulations to all students who participated in our Spring Fine Arts Recital! Both the 1pm and 4pm recitals delivered some wonderful performances, and showcased just how far each of you have come since starting. And next year you will top yourselves again! Keep up the good work, everybody!

And This is Something Else!

We are proud to announce that "Group," the original musical by Aaron Toronto and our own Heidi Grimsley was chosen by SDSU Theater to be part of their Mainstage season next February! This is an exciting opportunity, and we hope all age-appropriate PLAYers attend. CONGRATULATIONS, HEIDI!

If a Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

...then why not join our new art classes? Our first offering, "Beginning Drawing" is for all beginners, which is anyone who hasn't formally studied. It is a strongly urged to attend prior if you desire attending the "Beginning Painting" offering later in the summer. Beginning Drawing classes run 6-6:45pm on Wednesdays for age 7-14 and 6-7pm Thursdays for 15-adult in both June and July. Our students can attend ALL sessions for only \$20! Materials included! Students will learn basics of drawing, working with various medium with a focus on observation drawing. Must register by June 1st! Limited spaces exist, so call now!



Note These Dates

Registration Deadlines

- Individual/group instruction.....ongoing
- Beginner Drawing/Painting.....June 1

Let's Play! Calendar

- Move to new location at 323 6th Street/Studio Closed..May 28
- July invoice due date.....June 1
- Summer Camps.....June 18-Aug 7
- August invoice due date.....June 30
- Studio Closed.....July 2, 3, 4

Ready, Set, Play! Musician's Contest May 12th

The South Dakota Young Musician's Contest comes to the Old Sanctuary May 12th, as numerous pianists and vocalists age 5-18 perform throughout the day.

The contest, created by Let's Play, focuses on the contestant's musicianship and performance abilities with adjudicators offering critiques.

We welcome the following extremely qualified judges who are assisting Let's Play with our first annual contest:

- Dr. Rick Andrews (piano), Augustana College
- Dr. Charles Canaan (voice), SDSU
- Mr. Dave DeHoogh-Kliwer (voice), University of Sioux Falls

It is free and open to the public to come and watch the competition, which will run from 8:30am - 4pm at the Old Sanctuary Banquet Hall. We hope to see you there!

Reminders for Participating Students

If you are one of the Let's Play! students participating in the SD Young Musician's Contest, remember:

- Bring your blue contest slip to the contest.
- Bring your music to the contest. Instructors will be lending you original copies of your music during lesson time.
- Voice students must have their own accompanist for the contest. If in need of contact names, ask your instructor.

Psst...hey, kid.....wanna join a choir?

Many of you saw members of the Brookings Children's Chorus at the 4pm recital. It will continue during the summer, and now is the chance for interested 6-14 year olds to join in! It currently meets 5:15-6pm Thursdays, under the direction of Heidi Grimsley and Jeanine Fricke. Call for details!

These are the people in your neighborhood

Micah Wetzel recently became the primary guitar instructor for Let's Play, having previously worked at various afterschool programs in both Minnesota and South Dakota. He will soon be releasing his second album, enjoys sharing his music with others, and often performs his music throughout the area regularly. His students range from young children through adults, as he pursues degrees in both Music and Business at SDSU.

Eric Creswell joins Let's Play as it expands into visual arts with instruction and classes in drawing, painting, and other fine arts offerings. He received his BA in Art History and his teaching certificate from the University of Iowa, before working in the Iowa school system. His teaching experience includes preschool through high school art, as well as adult education classes at the Marshalltown Community College. He remains an active artist specializing in drawing and painting.

Now be polite and introduce yourself to them. It's only fair they get to know you, too!

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