

May 25, 2017

Dear Students and Parents,

Please take a few minutes to read through the information regarding fall and summer lessons and upcoming events in the IWU String Preparatory Department.

Fall registration: Enclosed in this mailing you will find the registration information for the next school year, including the enrollment form, 2017-18 calendar, fee schedule, and availability sheet. Please mail in forms by **August 1**; you will receive a call about your lesson time in mid-August.

Summer activities: Please be in touch with your teacher about your summer lesson schedule. Lesson times and payment are coordinated directly with teachers in the summer, at a rate of \$40/hr.

IWU will hold its annual **Chamber Music Festival** July 9-29. Please visit www.ilchambermusicfestival.com/performances for dates and times of all the free concerts. We hope to see you in the audience for this wonderful opportunity to hear great guest artists, faculty, and advanced student performers!

A Children's Concert, geared toward our younger audience, will be held on Saturday, June 22 at 3 pm.

All students are highly encouraged to attend concerts and recitals at IWU and in the community.

Recitals: Students are expected to perform in **at least two** of the several solo recitals held throughout the year. Performing opportunities will include:

Sunday, Oct. 8, 2:00 pm; Saturday, Nov. 4, 4:00 pm; Sunday, Dec. 3, 4:00 pm;

Saturday, Feb. 10, 4:00 pm; Sunday, Feb. 25, 4:00 pm;

Sunday, April 29, 2:00, 3:15, & 4:30 pm; Saturday, May 5, 11:30 am, 12:45, & 2:00 pm.

Everyone should perform on one of the two **final concert** dates of the year. If you know that you will have conflicts with any recital dates, please plan ahead and communicate this with your teacher.

Violin/viola Rentals: The Prep Program now has a limited number of fractional-sized instruments for rental. Two ¼-size, one ½-size, and one ¾-size violin and a viola are available for \$12/mo, and a higher quality ½-size violin for \$15/mo. Please e-mail me for more information and rental application.

Chamber Music: The IWU Prep Dept. offers a chamber music program for strings, winds, and piano. Students are placed in groups according to their age, level, and experience and are coached by IWU and Prep faculty. The *Chamber Music Recital* will be held *Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 pm* in Westbrook Auditorium.

If you have any questions about the program, please call me at **556-3547** or e-mail [**lnelson@iwu.edu**](mailto:lnelson@iwu.edu). Thank you for all your help in making this year a success!

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