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STARDOM!!

The Shine Music School Newsletter

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Message from the Editor

Welcome to *STARDOM!!*

How is everyone doing, going to school and studying hard? I hope everyone is doing well in their studies and practicing hard!

We wish everyone celebrating their birthday in August a very Happy Birthday!

If you have any comments or anything you would like to share, don't be shy and email them to elizabeth.morgan@shinemusic.com.au. The best letter of the month will receive a prize!

Make sure you participate in the colouring competition this month to be in the running for great prizes. In addition, congratulations to all of the students who participated in last month's drawing competition; make sure you come to the front desk to claim your prize!

That's all from me.

Elizabeth Morgan.
Violin Teacher and student coordinator

Music Stand Special!



Tornado Music Stand

~~Normally \$20~~

now only \$18.99!

Offer available between 15/8/07 – 14/9/07

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Does Music help develop the Brain?



A young child has an underdeveloped brain that continues to develop as the child grows. Continual exposure to the enriching experience of music stimulates the brain and enhances its neural growth. Thus, music is beneficial to the growth and development of the brain via the nerve cell network.

Countless studies indicate that exposure to musical instruction helps the development of the brain by generating neural connections.

Upcoming News for Shine Music School!

Teacher Profile!

Each month we will be asking a teacher at the school some questions about themselves, so you get to know them better

Name: Christine Su

DOB: 12th of June

Instrument: Piano, Drums & Guitar

Favourite Food: Thai food & Green Tea ice-cream

Favourite Sports: Soccer

Favourite Music: Alternative & Rachmaninoff

Country you would like to travel to: London for sure!

Last Holiday: Melbourne

Favourite Book: The Bell Jar – Sylvia Plath. I Love Harry Potter too!

Favourite Song Ever: 'You're My Favourite Music' by Niro and 'Plug in Baby' by Muse

Short Bio: Skilled in both drums and piano, Christine performs all over Sydney with her band whilst completing her Bachelor of Music Education at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

Message to kids and parents: "Where words fail, music speaks!"

Musical Quotes

Take a music bath once or twice a week for a few seasons. You will find it is to the soul what a water bath is to the body. Oliver Wendell Holmes

Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life. Berthold Auerbach

A painter paints pictures on canvas, but musicians paint their pictures on silence. Leopold Stokowski

Happy Birthday to all the students celebrating their Birthdays in August

Marvin Younathin, Rachel Gopez, Melinda Liu, Karima Khoury, Timothy Rusmin, Crystelle Fagalilo, James Laurence, Vincent Cronin, Liza Greig, Dean Nikoletic, Natasha Cordova, Marlar Wain, Edmund Chan, Bethany Porter, Sara Baven.



Joke Corner

Q: How many trumpet players does it take to change a light bulb?

Five. One to handle the bulb and four to tell him how much better they could have done it.

Q: How many alto sax players does it take to change a light bulb?

Five. One to change the bulb and four to contemplate how David Sanborn would have done it.

Q: How many clarinetists does it take to change a light bulb?

Only one, but he'll go through a whole box of bulbs before he finds just the right one.

If you have a joke or funny photo, send it in to elizabeth.morgan@shinemusic.com.au



Annual Concert

Our annual concert is fast approaching!

The concert is going to be on Sunday, 25th November this year.

It's your job to be thinking about which song you would like to perform on the day.

You've got plenty of time to practice, so get started!





Student Profile!

Each month we will be asking a student some questions. Maybe you will be next to be part of Stardom!!

Name: James Laurence

DOB: 14 August 1991

Instrument: Guitar, Piano, Blues Harp

School: St. Patrick's High School

Year: 10

Time at Shine Music School: 1Year

Favourite Food: Pizza

Favourite Music: Rock/Soft-rock

Favourite Sport: Ping pong

Country they would like to travel to: USA

Last Holiday: Tasmania

Favourite Book: Robocop 3

Favourite Song Ever: Stairway to Heaven

Short Bio: "I have 7 brothers & 6 sisters, and I play guitar."

Likes about Shine Music School:

"Gemma"

Does Music help develop the Brain continued...

A study by Frances Rauscher in 1997 showed that links between the neurons in the brain are strengthened with music lessons. The study proved that 15 minutes a week of piano instruction dramatically improved the spatial IQ levels for young musicians by 46%, compared to an improvement of only 6% for non-musicians.

Another study by Gordon Shaw in 1993 found that music instruction enhanced the brain's ability for spatial-temporal reasoning, which further improved the students' abilities to understand mathematical problems, puzzles, fractions, and so on.

Further back in 1989, a study by Dr. Frank Wilson revealed that learning to play an instrument refined the development of the brain and the entire neurological system.



Study after study demonstrates that learning music can be extremely beneficial to the development of the brain. The simple act of attending school assists in the development of anybody's brain. However, the scientific evidence that music instruction surpasses the knowledge learnt from school is compelling; there are strong causal links between music and the development of the brain, especially through spatial intelligence.

The reasoning skills required for a test in spatial reasoning are the same as the skills required when listening to music; for example, music is written in a numerical-spatial code and involves precise numerical timekeeping. Children use these reasoning skills to order the notes in their brain, thus forming melodies and rhythm. Therefore spatial reasoning abilities continue to develop within the brain as music instruction is continually undertaken. Experts believe that listening to music exercises the same parts of the brain that handle mathematics, logic and higher spatial reasoning.

Not only do children learning music develop better listening skills, but better organizational and stress coping skills due to the work habits that are formed through disciplinary practice. Playing the instrument also allows for the development in a sense of pride and accomplishment by the student. Furthermore, the discipline required to learn and play music is beneficial to academic achievement.

Sources:

<http://sergeipavlov.com/iq.html> lists the numerous studies on the development of the brain through music

http://www.edu-cyberpg.com/Music/Music_and_Brain_Informatio.html gives detail on the brain and music

http://www.sciencenetlinks.com/sci_update.cfm?DocID=235 gives further explanations of Dr. Schellenberg's study.

Announcements!



WEBSITE

We now have a Website! Go to
www.shinemusic.com.au
to check it out. Tell your friends about it.

Competition Winner: Timothy Rusmin

Collect your prize from the front table!

Would you like to put in an
announcement
in *Stardom*?

Announcements submitted by friends of
Shine Music School are free! Why not
use this opportunity to tell us about your
garage sale etc.

Email: enquiries@shinemusic.com.au



Benton Munro (Saxophone)

James Laurence
(Guitar) and Adrianna
Musumeci (Voice)



Jade Miller (Guitar)

Congratulations

To all Shine Music School students who
successfully performed at the lobby of the Marriott
Courtyard Hotel Parramatta on Thursday night the 5th
of July 2007. It was a great night with our students
putting on an excellent show for all of the hotel guests
and staff. The Marriott Courtyard Hotel Parramatta
rewarded all performing students with complimentary
refreshments.

Here is what Jason Farnworth the manager of the hotel
had to say after the performance:

*"It was a pleasure to have Shine Music perform at the
Courtyard by Marriott Parramatta last night. Our hotel
loves to engage the local community and offer the
opportunity to assist the youth in our local area. The
artists you performed for the hotel last night are a credit
to Shine Music. The performance was enjoyed by our
guests and the team put on a great display of
entertainment. Thanks again Shine Music School and I
hope that we have the opportunity to assist in exposing
more of the area's local talent in the future."*

Congratulations to: Benton Munro, Christine D'Rozario, Jade
Miller, Nicholas Kershaw, Charles Zhang, Evan Hefer and
James Laurence. More photos available at our website:
www.shinemusic.com.au



Colouring in Competition

Prizes!

What you need to do:

1. Fill in your details
2. Colour in the picture on the back of this page. Don't forget the Shine Music School logo!
3. Put it into the tray on the front counter at Shine Music School by Friday September 14th 2007

Name:.....

Instrument:.....

Teacher:.....

The best coloured in picture will win a great prize!

Get those colouring pencils and crayons out and get started!