

Suzuki Association of Indiana

June 1, 2016

Hello Suzuki Teachers and Parents in Indiana:

I am really looking forward to our 5th Annual meeting. This year it is in the northern part of our state with Emilie Grondin as host. I really hope that you all can make it! This one day event allows us to connect with other Suzuki teachers and to share our vision of Dr. Suzuki's teachings.

One major topic will how do we involve more teachers and Suzuki families in our organization"? As everyone knows, the families are the third leg of the Suzuki triangle. We would love to be able to include them in a state's Suzuki organization - but what can we offer them?

Here is a reminder of our mission as stated in the bylaws:

The mission of the Suzuki Association of Indiana is to promote the Talent Education method of music education, based on the teaching principles of Dr. Shinichi Suzuki. In doing so, this Association shall act as a resource for teachers, parents and institutions and other individuals seeking information or guidance. This Association shall also provide Suzuki students with opportunities for growth through recitals and workshops. As an Affiliate Chapter of the Suzuki Association of the Americas, this Association shall promote and uphold the principles and ethics of the national organization.

It is time to renew your annual membership fees and for the annual membership meeting. **Your support and participation is very important in helping to bring our Suzuki teachers and parents together to share ideas, accomplishments and help spread the wonderful philosophies of Dr. Suzuki. The application is on the last page of this letter.**

If you know someone who from Indiana who is an SAA member, but who hasn't joined SAI yet, let us know and we will be happy to contact them.

Thanks so much for helping to build beautiful hearts.

Liz Efroymsen-Brooks, SAI President

**Suzuki Association of Indiana Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 9, 2016**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
437 East Dragoon Trail
Mishawaka, IN 46544

Schedule of events:

9:00-9:30 Arrive and greet each other (coffee drinks and refreshment)

9:30- 11:30 SAI business meeting (for all members)

11:30- 1:00 Lunch at a nearby restaurant.

1:00-3:00 pm Special Guest: Improv session by James Grondin

Drawing from concepts developed by Rick Mooney, we will explore the basics of improvisation through timeless fifths, tactus, slow blues and fast blues. Participants will have fun developing and appreciating their improvisational voice and learn interesting things about their colleagues! Instruments are not necessary but are welcome. Presenter Jim Grondin has Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the University of Oregon in Saxophone Performance and Music Education. He has over 40 years experience playing jazz music and improvisation. He currently plays baritone saxophone with the Michiana Jazz Assemblage and recently performed with the South Bend Symphony Pops and in the pit orchestra for the St. Mary's College production of Chicago. He has performed with the Brian Setzer Band and has played in back-up bands for Ella Fitzgerald, Yakov Smirnoff and Rich Little. Jim is a member of the SAI.

3:00 - 3:30 Board Meeting

Meeting Fee: \$35 for SAI members, \$45 for non-SAI members

For questions, email : egrondin@comcast.net

Directions from the south:

Take US-31N to the Mishawaka Exit. Go East on the Bypass/St. Joseph Valley Parkway approximately 3 miles. Take the *Mishawaka* exit. At the end of the off ramp, turn left (north) onto Bremen Highway. (Go past Meijer, McDonalds, Subway) You will go down a pretty big hill for close to a mile. At the bottom of the hill is Dragoon Trail (signal.) Turn right and immediately right again into the church parking lot.

From the East (Ft. Wayne):

Take US-30W to SR-331N. Follow SR331N through Bremen. Continue north (go through Wyatt) until the bypass. (Go past Meijer, McDonalds, Subway) You will go down a pretty big

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hill for close to a mile. At the bottom of the hill is Dragoon Trail (signal.) Turn right and immediately right again into the church parking lot.

OR: Take US-20W (Bypass) to the Elm Rd Exit. Right at end of off ramp, then left at the next signal, Dragoon Trail. Follow Dragoon Trail west just over a mile. St. Peter's will be on the left just before the signal with Bremen Highway.

From the North:

Take Capital Ave/SR-331S to Dragoon Trail. Right turn at signal. Follow Dragoon Trail west just over a mile. St. Peter's will be on the left just before the signal with Bremen Highway.

From the West: Follow the Indiana Toll Road (Exit 71) or US-20/SR-2 to the Bypass/St. Joseph Valley Parkway. Take US-20W to the *Mishawaka* exit. At the end of the off ramp, turn left (north) onto Bremen Highway. (Go past Meijer, McDonalds, Subway) You will go down a pretty big hill for close to a mile. At the bottom of the hill is Dragoon Trail (signal.) Turn right and immediately right again into the church parking lot.

Lunch - The closest restaurants are the McDonalds and Subway about a mile south on Bremen Hwy. About 10 minutes away is Erskine Plaza that has Panera's, Hacienda, TGIF. I can have directions at the meeting. If we all want to go together and do a sit down lunch then I would recommend Hacienda.

Accommodations:

The nearest & easiest to get to motel from the south is the Comfort Suites, 60971 US-31, South Bend, IN 46614. On US-31 take the Kern Rd. Exit. Go East to the first signal then left and left again

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Annual Membership Registration 2016

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home phone: _____ **Cell phone:** _____

Email address: _____

Please check if you would like all future correspondence by email only: _____

Name of program and position (if applicable): _____

For Teachers:

Instrument(s) you teach (mark primary and secondary if applicable):

I would like my name, email, instrument(s) listed in the directory: Yes _____ No _____

Teaching Specialties and Skills (circle all that apply):

Early Childhood Parent Education Teacher Trainer Theory
Guest Clinician Other: _____

I would like to volunteer to help with (circle all that apply):

Teacher workshops Advertising Newsletter/Website Networking
Parent/student workshops Graduation Recitals Other: _____

MEMBERSHIP and MEETING FEES:

_____ **\$20 Active Member of SAI (Teachers must also be SAA members)**

_____ **\$10 Associate Member (Parents and non-SAA teachers)**

_____ **Annual Meeting, July 9: \$35/members, \$45/non-members (Annual meeting cost is separate cost from the membership fee. If you cannot make the meeting, you can send the membership fee in separately.)**

Total Amount Enclosed (check or money order): _____

Make the check out to Suzuki Association of Indiana.

Mail to: Jillian Chrisman: 1429 Trillium Court, Indianapolis, IN 46219