



Got Strings is a 501c3 organization

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“
Got Strings? continues to be the best experience
”
that my son has ever had.

-Got Strings parent 2014

2015 SUMMER SEMESTER NEWSLETTER

INRUSH IS ON A ROLL! The top level orchestra in Got Strings, INRUSH, won the top two prizes at the 2014 UBACE Battle of the Bands Competition last November: the People’s Choice Award and the Judge’s Choice Award. Each prize level had a cash award, and the Judge’s Choice Award came with a six-hour recording



studio contract which was used to produce a 10-track CD featuring their top pop and rock songs. Artistic Director, Deirdre Edgell, then took the video recording from the UBACE performance and entered INRUSH into the 2015 Musikfest bidding wars last December. INRUSH is honored to have been selected to perform at the 2015 Musikfest in Bethlehem on Sunday, August 16 in the Volkplatz Tent from 12-1pm!

INRUSH is a high-school, audition-only orchestra that aspires to change the way people perceive strings orchestras. Although they do learn light classics such as Bach or Vivaldi, they also have a one hour set of both classic rock and pop tunes and Christmas favorites under their fingers at all times.

Other performances this fall by INRUSH will be at the Peddler’s Village’s Grand Illuminations, Philadelphia’s Jefferson Station, Mercer Museum’s Holiday Open House and in the Lehigh Valley Mall. We hope to see our families and fans in August at Musikfest!

♪ KUDOS

- We received a generous donation of a full-sized cello, bow, and case for use in our orchestras from a community resident!
- Our Advanced Orchestra teacher, Sharon Gulla, and her husband Nate, welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Aubrey, into the world on March 3. Congrats!!
- David Michie Violins (Philadelphia) and an anonymous business donor, each sponsored a child for our 2015 camp! ☺
- Weber, Kracht & Chellew law firm has chosen Got Strings for their annual fundraiser-sponsorship! Their fundraiser will include a 5K run in Quakertown on October 4. Stay tuned!

PAYING IT FORWARD We are actively searching for various levels of sponsorships: sponsor a child, sponsor a concert, sponsor a guest artist, or sponsor equipment needs. Your donation is tax-deductible, and is much appreciated!

SUMMER FUN Our annual six-day Got Strings summer camp is only one week away! Camp is held in Souderton from 10am-5pm on July 20-25. Guest artists this year include Diane Gurecki from Creative Kids Art Studio in Sellersville, Mark Gibson from Boing Gymnastics in Perkasie, Sensei Bruce Costa in Perkasie, and caricature artist Kyle Edgell from Roanoke, Va. Other camp classes include the levels of orchestras rehearsing three times per day, small ensembles, classes that focus on learning to conquer performance anxiety, and a composition class where the campers will actually compose and perform a piece. We are thrilled to have our campers create music-themed coloring books this year that will be distributed to children in the Pediatric Ward of Grandview Hospital. Our special Saturday performance and masterclass artist this year is cellist and vocalist Dan Taylor from Cairn University. Camp registration can be found at www.gotstrings.com. Registration ends July 16. Please join us for our free camp concert July 25 at 3pm in the Sanctuary of Souderton Mennonite Church.



WHAT DOES THE FOX SAY? Four members of our entry-level orchestra have been taking the initiative to stay in touch over the summer and “play it forward” in the community. Calling themselves *The Blue Raspberry Foxes*, they have been continuing to play together and giving free outreach concerts in various local nursing homes. Way to go foxes!!

FALL AHEAD! Our fall semester will run from September 15 through our three-concert weekend on December 4th and 5th. Registration will be available on www.gotstrings.com in early August. Come join us and reignite a passion for playing!

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To provide a unique and cutting-edge musical experience for the area’s accomplished young string players, empowering them with the ability to “play it forward” in their community.