

Artistic Director's report for AGM October 22nd 2016
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In October 2015 we had our annual Faculty Concert, which raised funds for our bursary program. We are still working on getting more people to attend, will work on publicity through different networking contacts, a Halloween theme this year with another surprise finale and student card incentives for students.

In December 2015, we had our studio recitals. The students were able to share what they have learned with friends and family, while teachers demonstrated their wonderful work and everyone enjoyed beautiful music.

In February 2016 we had an Open House, with about 10 children visit in total. We also had the Head Start students participate in the petting zoo when their class was finished.

The annual Faculty Pedagogy meeting was held in March 2016. We discussed: senior programming, new interested families, and multi-level group classes. Through brainstorming, discussions and mock interviews with parents, the faculty was able to develop skills to deal with challenges in those 3 topic areas. The more experienced faculty shared their knowledge and experience with the newer faculty to reinforce these areas of difficulty for newer faculty members.

In April 2016 our students participated in Kiwanis, and some of our students went on to win medals. The Senior Guitar Ensemble was invited to participate in the Kiwanis Highlight Concert and the Senior Flute Ensemble won the Ottawa Flute Association Trophy and the Suzuki Association Scholarship.

In terms of outreach events: During the 2015-2016 season our school has participated in 8 different events and collaborated with many different organizations: The Brain Injury Association of the Ottawa Valley, The Ottawa University Guitar Association, "Stubbe" chocolate store, Orleans Retirement home, Children at Risk, Rockliffe Retirement Home, International Children's Festival, and the National Art Center "Family Adventures" event.

2 Faculty members left SuzukiMusic in 2016: Diana Lam on flute and Kathryn Cobbler on violin/viola.

Michelle Iznardo has kept the role of AD and Tamara Bogunovic is the new AAD for this year.

The second class options for Senior students are Choir and Ukulele this year. These classes seem to be gaining more interest each year.

The theme for 2016-17 is "Musical Mosaic in Canada", in honor of Canada's 150th anniversary. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate Canada's richness through our music. The diversity of cultures and art gives us strength and forms a big part of our identity as Canadians. At SuzukiMusic, each student contributes to form a part of this large mosaic that we all cherish. This year, I have invited students, parents and teachers to represent the variety that exists in our school and share our music from the heart.

