

May 6, 2008

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, 2008-09 calendar, fee schedule, and availability sheet. Please mail in forms by June 9; you will receive a call about your lesson time in mid-August.

Please note: I will be out of town the month of July. Registration information will also be posted at <http://www2.iwu.edu/music/k12/prep.shtml>. I will be in contact about lesson scheduling and other inquiries when I return.

**Summer activities:** If you would like to take summer lessons, complete and return the enclosed availability sheet to me asap. Lesson times and payment will be coordinated directly with teachers. IWU holds a Chamber Music Festival and Camp for high school students— please visit <http://www2.iwu.edu/music/k12/camp.shtml> for more information.

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

*Saturday, Oct. 4, 4:00 pm; Sunday, Nov. 23, 4:00 pm; Saturday, Feb. 14, 4:00 pm;  
Saturday, Mar. 14, 4:00 pm; Sunday, Apr. 19, 2:30 & 4:00 pm; Saturday, May 9, 2:30 & 4:00 pm.*

**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. Intermediate and advanced groups will be formed in September and rehearse once a week during the fall semester. Scheduling is based on the group and coach's availability. The elementary ensemble will meet Saturdays at 1:00 pm, September 20-December 6. The *Chamber Music Recital* will be held *Sunday, December 7 at 6:00 pm* in Westbrook Auditorium.

**Community concerts:** All students are highly encouraged to attend concerts and recitals at IWU and in the community. We will send out announcements of faculty recitals during the year. There will be a series of concerts at IWU this summer-- concert times are listed at [www2.iwu.edu/music/k12/camp.shtml](http://www2.iwu.edu/music/k12/camp.shtml).

**Information Board:** String Prep information is moving to the bulletin board outside of room 213. The calendar and updated recital information will be posted throughout the year.

**Questionnaire:** We would appreciate hearing about your experience with the IWU String Prep Dept! Please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed questionnaire.

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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