



# STE NEWSLETTER

August 3rd, 2021

## A Message from our Music Director:

Hi everyone, my name is Viktoria Grynenko and I am the new Music Director of STE. My interests are research about music and dance, contemporary classical music, and creative opportunities within classical music. I am originally from Ukraine but have been in Canada for 10 years. This month I will complete my Doctorate of Music in Violin Performance at the University of Alberta. If you want to learn more about me please visit [viktoriagrynenko.com](http://viktoriagrynenko.com). I can't wait for a new school year to start and to meet all of the students and parents! I am really looking forward to working with all of you and bringing success and innovation to STE!

Our social media feeds on Facebook and Instagram are more active! We will have updates on performing opportunities, weekly posts with information on how to excel as a musician, and other content you won't want to miss. Please consider following us on Facebook and Instagram!

Also, if you are happy with the school please consider leaving us a review on Facebook!

Thank you,

Viktoria Grynenko

## News:

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We are now offering Guitar lessons ! New students are welcome. Parents can also enroll and learn to accompany their children at the concerts. Be a Super Suzuki Parent!

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We will also be offering a few new group classes this coming year:

- Theory and Musicianship
- Suzuki and Improvisation
- Suzuki and Dance (workshops)
- Chamber Music

Watch this space and your emails for more details!

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We are implementing a “Practice Buddy” program for advanced students at STE. Requirements are:

- Graduate from Suzuki Book 5
- Observe 6 group and 6 private lessons
- Write a 300 word Teaching Philosophy Statement
- Have a Pedagogy session with your private instructor

In the following school year of 2022-2023 successful candidates will be able to tutor beginner students at the STE and be financially rewarded. More details available upon request.

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STE also has a few fresh faces for this year! Our new teachers include:

- Viktoria Grynenko (violin)
- Ryan Hoffman (cello)
- Lydia Metzger (violin)
- Christie Park (violin)
- Renee Perez (guitar)

More details to come!

# News:

We just had our first live informal performance in what seems like forever! STE students performed at the Heritage Days Festival! Thank you to the teachers (Mark Eeles, Christie Park, Viktoria Grynko), board (especially Dejan Misovic!), parents and students who made it possible! Our students played beautifully and were so engaged! Here are a few pictures from our fun afternoon:



## Featured Faculty Member of the Month:

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Starting in August, we will be featuring one outstanding faculty member in each monthly newsletter, starting with one of our new faces!

### *Lydia Metzger*



Lydia Metzger is an American violinist and music educator who is currently based in St. Albert, Alberta, Canada. She holds a Bachelor of Music- violin performance from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and in December 2017 graduated with high honors from UW with a Masters degree in violin performance. While in Southern Wisconsin, Lydia taught piano and violin lessons at several schools and performed regularly with area orchestras. She has also given various solo and chamber recitals all across Minnesota and Wisconsin.

She moved with her husband to Alberta in the summer of 2018, where she took Suzuki violin teacher training with Elayne Ras at the Alberta Suzuki Institute. In the Edmonton area, Lydia performs regularly with Symphony Borealis as assistant concertmaster and Edmonton Pops Orchestra as concertmaster. Most recently she has joined the Edmonton-based Vertex Quartet as the second violinist. She freelances as a pianist as well.

