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Homer OPUS's Monthly Newsletter

The mission of Homer OPUS is building community by creating music together.



Homer OPUS is excited to announce our 2026 Festival of Strings! The Festival will include a variety of community performances and student activities that will help build our strings community and celebrate our amazing musicians! Mark your calendars!

March 1st, 1:15pm, Paul Banks Preludes 1st Grade @Paul Banks
Our Paul Banks 1st graders will perform as part of their Habitat Showcase!

March 25th, 10:30am, Fireweed Frescoes Kindergarten @Homer Library
Our Fireweed Kindergarteners are bringing violin to Library Story Hour!

April 8th, 1:00pm, Paul Banks Preludes Kindergarten @Paul Banks
Come see our newest violinists perform as part of their spring music concert!

April 9th, 6:00pm, Music Trivia with Homer OPUS @Anchor Point VFW
April 10th, 6:00pm, Music Trivia with Homer OPUS @Alice's in Homer
Come test your musical knowledge from classic rock to classical and support Homer OPUS!

April 15th, 5:30pm, Codas Wellness Concert @South Peninsula College

The Codas orchestra is partnering with South Peninsula Hospital to present a Wellness Concert on SPH's Wellness Wednesday.

April 17th, 5:00pm, Paul Banks Preludes Art Extravaganza Performance @Paul Banks
Come see our Preludes play violin and check out their amazing art!

April 26th, 1pm, All OPUS 2nd Grade Violinists and HYSOC Overtures @Porcupine Theater
Celebrate our 2nd graders as they graduate from our K-2 program! This performance will also feature our HYSOC Overtures, 3rd grade students who graduated our program and are continuing their string music education!

May 2nd, 12:00pm, Fireweed Frescoes May Day Performance @Little Fireweed
Come see our K-2nd grade violinists show off their violin skills and celebrate May Day!

May 11th, 6pm, Codas @Grace Ridge
Help the Codas celebrate another great year of community and music making and hear some great music!

May 12th, 3:00pm, HYSOC Overtures @Bubbles
May 12th, 4:00pm, HYSOC Allegros @Bubbles
May 12th, 6pm, HYSOC Scherzos @Bubbles
Help our HYSOC students celebrate a great year! These amazing musicians will play a little and then enjoy ice cream!

In addition to these community events, we will also have some special events just for our string players. All OPUS 1st graders will be coming together from Fireweed, Paul Banks, and Chapman to play violin together and build community. Our 2nd Grade Paul Banks Preludes will be performing for their peers at a Spotlight Assembly. Our Chapman kindergartners will be introducing our incoming kindergartners to the violin at the Chapman Kindergarten Round Up. Our HYSOC Overtures will be performing for the residents at the Homer Senior Center. Our HYSOC Allegros will be having a house concert celebrating Linda Reinhart, a found of Homer OPUS. Our HYSOC and 2nd grade students will be having an end of the year celebration and making music together at the Porcupine Theater.

Snow Rondi Chapman Eagle Ensemble



You have two opportunities to hear our Chapman Eagles during the Anchor Point Snow Rondi! The Chapman Violin Club, our afterschool program for 3rd-4th grade violinists, will be performing at the Spaghetti Feed on Tuesday, **February 24th**, from 4:30-6:00pm at Chapman School. The Chapman Eagle Ensemble and Chapman Violin Club will both perform in the family-friendly talent show, The Cabin Fever Variety Show, at Chapman School on Thursday, **February 26th**, from 6:00-9:00pm. Learn more about Snow Rondi at the link below!

Anchor Point Snow Rondi

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Homer OPUS thanks the Homer Foundation, the Community Grants Committee, and the Opportunity Fund for sponsoring the Festival of Strings with a charitable grant. You can join the Homer Foundation and help support our Homer OPUS musicians by becoming a Festival sponsor!



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Suzuki Milestone

The Homer OPUS K-2 Program is excited to share that our 2nd grade Fireweed Frescoes and Chapman Eagles have reached a milestone in their violin journey and played their first Twinkle Variation! The Twinkle Variations are a cornerstone of the Suzuki method and a foundational piece in violin study. Homer OPUS's K-2nd grade violin program is based around the teachings of Dr. Suzuki and progression of the Suzuki method. Though they are the first piece in Suzuki Violin Book 1, the Twinkle

Variations are not true beginner repertoire. Instead there is a whole sequence of learning that takes place which Suzuki teachers refer to as pre-Twinkle. During the pre-Twinkle stage, students are learning all the skills they need to play the Twinkle Variations from how to hold the violin and bow, to placing violin fingers, bowing different rhythms, making a good tone, and building violin stamina.

We are so proud of our 2nd graders and are excited to see what else they can accomplish!



Learn more about Dr. Suzuki and the history of the Suzuki method in the United States here!

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