

NEWS FROM ACTIVATOR ACADEMY – Sept. 15, 2011

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GREETINGS AND WELCOME!!!

We are excited to be back in FULL swing here at Activator Academy and Side Door Studios! There is much news to share...so much...in fact...we can't get it all into this issue...So stay tuned for more news next week...

• Group Class Openings!

We have 3 Group Classes with openings as follows...Jump in before these classes fill up...

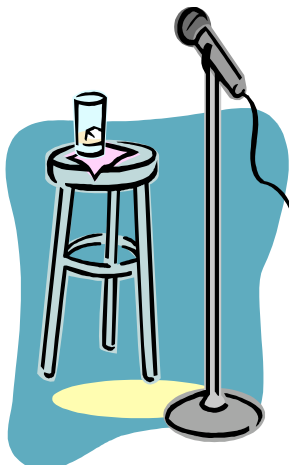
1. **Beginning Group Guitar** – Grades 4th, 5th & 6th – Tuesdays 3:45-4:30 – Taught by Aidan Gilbert
2. **ROCK JAM 101** – Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 – for drummers, bassists, guitarists, or vocalists – Basic proficiency on your instrument required to join this group. – Led by Sal Cassato and Aidan Gilbert
3. **String Ensemble** – Wednesdays 4:00-5:00 – Led by Tony Porter – For cello, violin, viola, & upright bass. Grades 5th-8th. TRY THIS CLASS FOR FREE IN SEPT!

• Refer a Friend to Activator Academy and get a FREE CLASS!

Visit our webpage and submit a referral...If your friend or neighbor signs up for classes YOU will get a FREE CLASS! There is no limit to the number of FREE CLASSES you can receive...SO please help us spread the word about our programs and our great partnership with CROYA!

<http://www.activatoracademy.com/referafriend.htm>

• Who's Got Talent??



CROYA is conducting a talent search for an Intergenerational Talent Show starring 7th – 12th grade students! We are teaming up with The Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Senior Center this Veteran's Day, November 11th to showcase the talents of the young and 'slightly

older' Lake Forest-Lake Bluff community. So get your act together, whether it's:

Music Poetry Stand-Up Comedy Magic
Dancing Lip-Syncing

Any talent, alleged talent or otherwise, is welcome. Join us for an afternoon of snacks and entertainment! For more information, call (847) 810-3985 or e-mail Jessie at Urbanj@cityoflakeforest.com if interested in participating.

• Need to book a Make-Up Lesson?

We are happy to teach make-up lessons within 1 month of the missed lesson. Make-ups not taught within that time period are not eligible to be taught or eligible for refunds. Group Classes are not eligible for make-ups generally, unless everyone in the group misses the same class...So remember, the show will go on if you are in a group class and miss your appointment!

We are rolling out a NEW Make-up Request System that will help us to expedite your request for a make-up. [Please review the Google Calendars for each instructor that are now posted on our Make-up Page on our website. Find a day/time that works for you and send your instructor an email directly to request the make-up.](#) Please do not email your instructor with a make-up request *until* you have selected a slot from their calendar.

<http://www.activatoracademy.com/makeuplessons.htm>

• Do You Have a Question or Concern?

For questions regarding scheduling, billing, and other OPERATIONAL issues, please contact Program Director - [Shelia Christofalos](#)

We want EVERY student and family to have an OUTSTANDING experience at Activator Academy! Your feedback and participation is critical to the success of music lessons. Please feel free to email your instructor directly (emails listed on our Make-Up page link above) with any LESSON SPECIFIC concerns regarding assignments, recital preparation, practice recommendations, materials, etc.

• What are Nick and Shelia Up To Now?

This weekend, Nick and Shelia, along with Nate and other ACTIVATOR CYCLES Team members from LB/LF and beyond...will be traveling north into the deep Wisconsin

woodlands for the Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival! We will all compete in the 40 mile mountain bike race on Saturday and hope to smash our records...not our bones! This is Shelia's 1st attempt at the 40 mile race, having ridden the 16 mile "Short and Fat" in years past...We will send a Race Report next week so keep on the lookout for news from our adventures in Cable/Hayward, Wisconsin! *"Ride fast..life is short!"*

<http://www.cheqfattire.com/>

Have a great weekend everyone! Enjoy the first taste of fall weather...

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"You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him find it within himself." - Galileo