



# FORTISSIMO NEWS



The 2014-2015 school year is over. Our fortissimo musicians had their first lesson January 12<sup>th</sup> and have come so far in those 6 months! We have had 5 concert opportunities to show our families and community our progress. The kids would definitely say that our Kid's College LEGOLAND performance was their favorite! I couldn't be more proud of them. We have kept our budding musicians playing over the summer with a once a week program to help maintain their skill level.

This is the first edition of our newsletter and we are hoping to send one out every other month.  
Carole Beeson



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### Dalouge Smith President & CEO San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory

Dalouge Smith is in his 10<sup>th</sup> season leading San Diego Symphony and Conservatory. During that time he has been responsible for transforming SDYS into a community instigator for restoring and strengthening music education in schools. SDYS has expanded its work beyond music programs to include measurement, partnership, community awareness, and community action.

We thank Dalouge and SDYS for being our advisors, and cheerleaders, for loaning us instruments, and the 'road map' to follow in their footsteps. We couldn't have done it without you!



Instruments provided by Classics for Kids Foundation and the San Diego County Community Reinvestment Foundation.





## Meet The Maestra



After many years of private lessons she graduated the Elder Conservatorium of Music in 2010 with a Cello Performance degree.

She teaches at several schools in the Poway school district during the school day, with us Tuesday through Thursday and private students the rest of the week. She also founded Eliana Strings in 2011, which is a string quartet company for weddings and special occasions. She lives in San Marcos with her husband, Andrew, and as such is very invested in building the music programs in her community. Anna's Grandmother was one of the foremost violinists in Sydney, Australia for many years and she is under strict instructions to call every week to report the progress of the children! The kids adore hearing feedback from across the pacific!

## Featured Student



Meet Aaron!

Aaron embodies all the qualities we love to see in our young musicians. He is diligent in his practice and dedication to the program. He not only attends every rehearsal during the school year, but attended every session of our summer program with his dad watching on! We can't wait to see his progress in the new school year!

## Featured Musician



Ulli Reiner (above) is the artistic director and co-founder of the Youth Philharmonic Orchestra of San Diego, Suzuki School.

She is also the former conductor and co-founder of the Civic Youth Orchestra. Ms Reiner is an adjunct member of Palomar College; concert master and orchestral manager of the Palomar Symphony Orchestra and concert master of the Poway Community Orchestra; Conductor of the Poway Community Symphonette; and orchestra Director with the Poway Unified School District.

We are so grateful here at Fortissimo for all the help Ms Reiner has given us in setting up our program. With such a powerhouse in the San Diego music community on our side, we know we can achieve great things!

Ulli is also going to be our first featured visiting artist. We plan on exposing our students to professional performing musicians to inspire and encourage them on their path and we are so excited to start with Ms Reiner!

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