



MARQUEE

A Newsletter of the Devonshire Cultural Center

Summer
2010

Sunday Sundown Concerts

The Skokie Park District will kick off the summer with Sunday concerts under the stars. In Devonshire Park you will experience a myriad of sounds each Sunday for six fantastic weeks of music on the outdoor stage. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. and will include:

- July 11:** South Boulevard – Chicago Blues
- July 18:** Ensemble M'chaiya - Chicago's Original Revival Klez Band
- July 25** - Hey Jimmy - music from the 50s to today.
- Aug. 1** - The Best of the Devonshire Family - Chi-Town Authority with Devonshire family member, Tom Lucia pays tribute to the band Chicago. Also Devonshire music instructors Alla Gorelik, Mihai Vlad, Johnathan Dawson, Amos Gillespie, Kyle Davies and Kelly Cutler.
- Aug. 8** – Incendio - California Latin & Jazz fusion.
- Aug. 15** - BMR4 - The music of Buddy Guy, Patricia Barber, and Lonnie Brooks. ♡

Movies in the Park

Take the family or a date to Lorel Park on the third Thursday of the month for classic movies at sundown (about 8:15 p.m.). Movies include:

- June 17:** E.T. The Extra Terrestrial
- July 15:** The Wizard of Oz
- Aug. 19:** Raiders of the Lost Ark
- Sept. 16:** Shrek ♡

Movies in the Park
movies for the whole family to enjoy

Lorel Park
8135 Lorel Avenue

Devonshire Summer Events

- June 17-19**, 7 p.m.A Chorus Line
- June 20**, 3 p.m.A Chorus Line
- July 7**, 2 p.m.....Dear Edwina Jr. – Tickets: \$2
- July 8**, 2 p.m. Thoroughly Modern Mille Jr. – Tickets: \$2
- July 11**, 7 p.m.....Sunday Concert – South Boulevard
- July 17**, 7 p.m.....Skokie Battle of the Bands
- July 18**, 7 p.m.....Sunday Concert – Ensemble M'chaiya
- July 25**, 7 p.m.....Sunday Concert – Hey Jimmy
- Aug. 1**, 7 p.m.....Sunday Concert –The Best of Devonshire and Chi-Town Authority
- Aug. 4**, 2 p.m.....A Year with Frog and Toad – Tickets: \$2
- Aug. 5**, 2 p.m.....Mulan Jr. – Tickets: \$2
- Aug. 8**, 7 p.m.....Sunday Concert – Incendio
- Aug. 13**.....Summer Dance Showcase
- August 15**, 7 p.m.Sunday Concert – BMR4
- August 24**.....Audition Packet & Appointments for Little Shop of Horrors
- September 7-12**.....Auditions for Little Shop of Horrors (by appointment)

The Visual Palette

Culinary Arts: Kids' Cooking Camp

This new camp is being offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages 8 to 15. Kids Cooking Camp will allow campers to create everything from mini-meals to delicious desserts, all from scratch. Each week the camp will focus on a different culinary theme, from cupcakes to an Italian feast. Cooking allows children to feel independent and encourages the use of math and science skills. Additionally, when a child makes their own food they are more likely to try different and new foods, a key to teaching good nutrition habits. Cooking for Fun instructor Stacey Schwartz also focuses on kitchen safety and is sensitive to food allergies. ♦♦

Visual Arts Classes

Our Family Clay Workshop is offered on a Sunday afternoon and is designed for parents and children ages four and up. Ceramics for children in grades 3 through 8 teaches the basics of handbuilding and introduces the use of the potter's wheel. New this summer is ceramics for teens (grades 8-12). Introduction to Clay and Mosaics teaches adults basic clay techniques and mosaic making.

Drawing and Painting for children in grades 2-6 will give young artists and opportunity for directed exploration in a variety of artistic mediums and subject matter. For adults, the Skokie Art Guild offers Figure Drawing Workshops on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. ♦♦

Dance Camp

This summer Devonshire Dance Programs is excited to offer a dance intensive camp. This is a fun and intensive camp for the young dancer. Participants will be trained in various forms of dance including ballet, jazz and hip hop. Dancers will also have the opportunity to study the history of a dance, participate in dances from other cultures and learn audition techniques. Dancers will be guided by professional staff of dancers and instructors in a nurturing and challenging atmosphere. There will be a showcase performed on Friday, August 13. " ♦♦

Guess the Artist

This 19th century American artist spent much of her adult life in Paris. She was influenced by the impressionists and was a great friend of Degas. Her work often depicts everyday themes with mothers and their children.

Send your guess via e-mail to kday@skokieparkdistrict.org by August 1st. Correct guesses go into a drawing for a 50% off discount on any Fall visual arts class at Devonshire) ♦♦



The Tot Corner

Preschool – Spotlight on teachers

2010-11 School Year, 3-year-old class

Ms. Heidi Luksa

Heidi has been teaching preschool for 17 years and is entering her third year as our Preschool Director. Heidi loves serving in this dual role as it gives her the opportunity to support the preschool as a whole. Heidi enjoys being with the children and watching them begin to understand the world around them. Her classroom is a safe place where each child has a voice and an opportunity to grow. The children are loved and learn that school is a wonderful place to be.

Lois Lucia

Lois is the aide for the morning classes and the lead teacher for the PM classes. She has been with the park district for 5 years. Prior to that Lois was a grammar school teacher. Lois says that children brighten her life and that they are constantly teaching her new things. She loves to make each child feel special and unique while seeing how creative the children are and how they use their imagination.

Esmeralda Marin

Esmeralda is the aide for the afternoon class. She has been with Devonshire preschool for 2 years. Esmeralda is from Mexico and serves as a huge asset to us in helping our Spanish speaking families feel comfortable in our school. Esmeralda is very creative and often comes up with wonderful, unique projects for the kids. She feels like the children in her class are part of her family. ➡

Early Childhood: Lil' Learners

Many parents are finding that their 2-½ to 3-year-old children are ready for a preschool experience but they miss the September 1 deadline for 3-year-old preschool. Here at the Devonshire Cultural Center, we have the answer. Our Lil' Learners program is designed for just such children. For many, it is their first class without a parent/caregiver in attendance. Our experienced early childhood staff guides students through circle time, music activities, art projects and development of social skills. Our goal is to help these children make an easy transition to Preschool. Lil' Learners meets twice a week for 2 hours each day. ➡

Music

Summer Music Program

Summer is a great time to get involved in the Devonshire Cultural Center's Music Program. There are slots available for all instruments including brass, drums, guitar, piano, violin and woodwinds. Our fall registration for music will begin August 9, 2010. We welcome new students from the beginner to the advanced!

The Devonshire Music Program would like to congratulate Ms. Alla Gorelik's piano students that took home medals in February and March piano competitions. Jacqueline Baik, Brandon Graver and Austin Klopfer took home the Silver Medal in the NSMTA Sonata – Sonatina Festival. Kristine Park and Bria Patrick took home Gold medals in the ISMTA Piano Solo Competition. Adorina Bethishou and Austin Klopfer took home the gold medal in the Northwestern Festival of Music. We are proud of each music student for their dedication to their music and the program. ➡



Devonshire Playhouse

The Actor's Tools

Whether you like Stanislavsky or Meisner, the tools an actor uses are always the same and must be developed to achieve the highest quality of presentation. The physical tool, or the actor's body should be healthy, flexible and well aligned. This can be achieved in the study of dance, yoga, or cardio-fitness. Second is vocalization. Silent movies are no longer being made so the actor must develop proper vocal qualities to support any character. Vocalization begins with maximizing breath control. Diction is also a key. For actors on the American stage and screen, it is best to master the "standard American" dialect. The study of phonetics will help the actor take on required accents. Finally, the most important tool is imagination and focus. This is developed through acting classes, coaching, character studies, improvisation, and scene study.

The Devonshire Playhouse encourages class participation in theatre, dance and music. These will provide actors the proper training before that big audition. Our summer weekend workshops will help keep up that training yet still maintain a relaxed summer schedule. These include: Theatre Make-up, Magic, Movement, Circus, Stage Combat, Theatre History and Promoting Yourself as an Actor.

Featured summer performances include the adult production of "A Chorus Line." The production will feature professional and community actors from all over the Chicago area in musical classics as well as dancing that will be best enjoyed by ages 13 to adults. Children will enjoy the Summer On Broadway performances of "Dear Edwina Jr.," "Thoroughly Modern Mille Jr.," "Mulan Jr.," and "A Year With Frog and Toad. See dates and times on page 1.

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