



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Amici Program 2011/2012. We look forward to another fantastic year of making music together.

As you may know this will be our fifth season and the program has grown significantly in its short life. The Board of Directors has encouraged Theresa and me as founding directors to shape the program to be as close to our ideal as possible. Class sizes have become significantly smaller so the student/teacher ratio is very low. We have added special concerts and out-of-town guest artists to the program, as well as opportunities to perform in the community (such as pre-CPO performances). The program has grown in numbers – but it has grown even more in the number of instructional hours offered. We have always tried to keep fees very reasonable. Up to this point the fees have been approximately \$10 per instructional hour and this covers about half of the actual cost of the program. We have balanced our budget in the first four years due to the exceptional generosity, in terms of both time and resources, of a very few individuals and due to the grant-writing efforts of Po Yeh, our Executive Director. It is time to share the responsibility of financial sustainability more equitably amongst all Amici families.

From the very beginning, the board started working on a sustainable model for the program. We became a registered society in our first year, a registered charity in our second and applied for casino eligibility immediately thereafter. We will have a casino date in the first three months of 2012 and will need to find approximately 50 volunteers to run the event. This will be a very significant source of income for Amici and will go a long way towards addressing the financial needs of the program.

We have tried to avoid burdening Amici families with onerous fundraising requirements but this year it is extremely important that we have the participation of all families.

You will have a choice of volunteering for the casino, volunteering a similar amount of time in another capacity, or doing a buyout of \$200.

We would ask that if at all possible, you make being a casino volunteer your first choice since we need plenty of volunteers. If we have more volunteers than shifts we may ask you to perform another volunteer duty.

Thank you for your help in this formative year in Amici history.

Fiona Carnie  
Artistic Director  
Amici String Program



Welcome to the Amici String Program! We are now accepting registrations for 2011/2012.

We offer masterclass/technique classes and chamber music to string students. The schedule will include 22 classes, scheduled in two consecutive hours between 4:15 and 5:15 on Monday evenings at St. Matthews United Church, 2035 26A Street SW starting September 26 2011.

#### Schedule

4:15-5:15 Violin/viola masterclasses, cello masterclass, chamber music

5:15-6:15 Violin/viola master classes, cello master class, chamber music

6:15-7:15 Chamber music

Placement in classes will be at the discretion of the directors in consultation with the student's private teacher. **Please note on the registration form any constraints with regard to availability within the three hours. If you are not available all three hours it may not be possible to place you correctly in classes.**

**Entry level minimum requirements** (for violinists and violists): repertoire level of approximately Suzuki Book 4; knowledge of at least one 3 octave scale; skills in shifting and vibrato. Cellists will be placed in consultation with the private instructor.

We host a monthly Sunday recital program which is available on a per time sign up basis the week prior to the recital.

Registration for fall will include the entire year. Please mail your registration form and check(s), postdated September 1, 2011, as soon as possible to:

Amici String Program  
1412 47 Street SW  
Calgary, AB T3C 2C8

For further information please visit [www.amicistringprogram.com](http://www.amicistringprogram.com)  
or contact [amicistringprogram@gmail.com](mailto:amicistringprogram@gmail.com)





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Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_