String Project celebrates spring with concert

They’re young, and they’re dedicated. String Project musicians presented their annual free spring concert Monday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in Sacramento State’s Music Recital Hall.

The String Project provides affordable group and individual violin and cello lessons to Sacramento young people from third grade on up. Sacramento State music students provide the instruction, giving them the classroom experience necessary for the teaching profession. It’s all under the guidance of master teachers Judy Bossuat-Gallic and Tim Stanley.

This spring’s concert included pieces such as “Bloosy Woosy,” Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy” and the classic “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.” Dressed in their colorful T-shirts and black vests decorated with musical notes, the students not only played, they also sang portions of some of the songs.

Because of its nature, the String Project’s benefits are twofold, with both the children and their college instructors learning from the process.

Sabrina Neves, 10, joined the String Project two years ago after hearing about it from some friends. “I got very excited because no one in my family plays an instrument, so I decided I would be the first one.”

She enjoys her violin and practices at least 30 minutes every day. “This is my favorite class. If I had to pick, it would be this one,” she says.
Student-instructor Jennifer Jim had already been a teacher when she joined the program. “It’s been a tremendous experience,” she says. “I think it’s only further proven how much I love teaching.”

And there’s nothing like listening to children displaying their new-found love of music, and stringed instruments.

For more information about the String Project, visit http://www.csus.edu/stringproject/. For media assistance, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

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