Sac State String Project presents winter concert

Campus and community come together for the holiday season in the annual String Project Winter Recital.

The String Project provides affordable violin and cello lessons for young people in the Sacramento region from fourth grade on up. The structured group lessons are taught by the undergraduate and graduate students from Sacramento State’s Department of Music.

Twice a year, the young musicians perform in concert under the guidance of Master Teacher Judy W. Bossuat-Gallic and Assistant Master Teacher Timothy Stanley.

This winter’s free recital is at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, in the Music Recital Hall. The program includes the songs “Creepy Crawl,” “Shanghai Hornpipe” and “Backyard Swing.”

Jolie Yee, an 11-year-old student at the California Montessori Project, enjoys her experience with the String Project. “My mom used to play cello and violin,” she says. “She inspired me to go for it, and I’ve liked it ever since.”

Sophia Zogbi is a 10-year-old student at St. Mary Elementary School. She’s impressed with the instructors’ teaching techniques and sees the String Project as an investment in her education. “I thought if I played an instrument, I would have a better future,” she says. “And I really love music.”

Sac State student Paul Sikes is a String Project instructor who took lessons from Bossuat-Gallic when he was 4 years old. He notes the great benefits for student-instructors. “Normally, most teachers get their credential and then go straight into the
teaching field,” he says. “We have a step where we have master teachers teaching us how to teach.”

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

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