

## Who we are

St. Joseph's School of Music has roots that date back to the 1880's in St. Paul, when St. Agatha's Conservatory and St. Joseph's Academy Music Department had flourishing music departments. The two institutions and their traditions of excellence merged into St. Joseph's School of Music in 1971. We currently serve over 1000 students annually from across the Twin Cities. We are known for our excellent faculty who offer private music instruction on all of the classical instruments to all ages and levels, foundational music classes for young children and babies, enrichment programming for adults, and abundant concert and performance opportunities for our students and community audiences.

*Our welcoming community and faculty of teaching artists nurture the joy of learning music in people of all ages, abilities, and aspirations.*

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## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Spring FUNdraiser  
for scholarships and outreach  
April 24-May 14, 2017

# Practice-athon!



## Frequently asked questions

### Important Practice-athon Dates

**Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Event Kick-Off

**Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Practice-a-Thon Ends

**Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Deadline to turn in completed pledge sheets and all money

**Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Awards ceremony at Showcase Concert!

**Prizes for top student, top studio, and most money raised.**

*The greatest prize is practicing itself!*

**What is a practice-athon?** Students set practice goals for a 3 week period, starting April 24. Students will collect pledges from sponsors to encourage them to reach their practice goals. The more they practice the more money they raise. Our goal is to have every participant collect at least \$30 in pledges. That's just asking six sponsors for \$5.00 in pledges.

**Why a practice-athon?** The practice-athon is a fundraising effort with the added benefit of students setting and reaching musical goals. Teachers and parents alike realize that practicing is an extremely important part of a child's music education. In addition, the money raised will be invested right back into the school and into our community.

**How do I collect pledges?** Students raise money from sponsors who support their practicing efforts. Sponsors are people like friends and family who care about your education. ASK PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS or UNCLES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS that you know if they would like to sponsor you to practice and help raise money for our programs. For every pledge you receive, fill in the dollar or cents amount pledged and show it to your teacher to help us track our success and progress daily.

**What are my options for pledging?** FOUR ways to make a pledge:

1. Sponsor a flat amount. (Can be collected at time of pledge!)
2. Pledge an amount for minutes practiced. For example, a student practices for 20 minutes a day for four weeks, which is 560 minutes. If you sponsored this student .01 cents per minute, you would owe \$5.60.
3. Combination pledge. For example, you could make a flat donation of \$5 and a pledge of .01 cents per minute of practice.
4. Pledge a flat amount for every day the student meets their daily practice goal.

**What will my money be used for?** The money that we raise will be used to provide more scholarships, more outreach concerts, and expand access to a music education at SJSM.

**Do the students receive prizes?** All participants turning in a completed pledge form and minimum of \$30 in pledges by May 19 will receive a special prize. Prizes will also be awarded to the student who practices the most, the top studio and teacher (minutes of practice averaged between all the students in the studio), and the student who brings in the most pledges. Each studio will show their progress (we will graph this on a board near the office!)