

# Guitfiddle Times

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

## Summertime, Summertime...

Though it hasn't felt like it lately with winter part II, spring is in the air, and summer is around the corner. This brings me to planning my summer schedule. Many students have taken the summer off the past few years, leaving me with very large gaps in my schedule. So, this year, I am going to make a summer schedule. Here's my thoughts... Monday- Wednesday hours will remain like they are now, since most of you can only come at night. Thursday hours will go from 12 noon - the last lesson being at 5:30. Saturdays would be discontinued for the months of July and August. The new hours would start in July. This new schedule is not set in stone, so please let me know what you think! The time you have now would go back into effect when school starts. Also, please let me know if you are NOT going to be taking lessons in the summer. If enough of you stay, I may keep Saturdays going throughout the summer. Thanks in advance for your input!!

## Contacts

To make it easier to contact everyone, and since I can't always read Steve's handwriting, please make sure I have your correct phone number. I have run into a few problems lately, and it was because of wrong numbers. Also, if you wouldn't mind giving me your cell phone number and email address, it would be most helpful! I also send newsletters via email, and reminders, if necessary. Please email me at [dredhed@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dredhed@sbcglobal.net) with your info. Thanks!

## What's New On The Web?

LOTS! First off, for those of you who didn't know, I have a website. It started out as a "Hi, I'm a teacher take lessons from me" kind of site, but it has expanded to MUCH more than that! I have added many, many helpful things such as helpful links lists; a violin help center; videos; free sheet music; booklists where you can browse the books a little, and even order them directly from the list; and much more!!! I am adding to it a lot lately, and sometimes even daily. The address is... [www.guitfiddleacademy.com](http://www.guitfiddleacademy.com). Most of the stuff for you guys is on the "[For Parents and Students](#)" page. Need to reschedule? Check out the [calendar](#) 24-7. If there is something you would like to see, don't like, have comments about, or whatever, let me know!! This is your site too! I will be adding more and more all the time, so be sure to keep checking back!

## Acoustic Recital

Yeah, I've been talking about this for awhile now, and FINALLY, I have settled on something. Since summer recitals don't seem to really work because of vacations and such, I have decided to make the recital date for the weekend after Labor Day. The recital will be acoustic instruments only, and the participating students must be able to meet performance standards. The venue is TBA, and would most likely be held on a Sunday afternoon.

So what about the electric instruments? The drum teacher (Jim) and I have been talking about student bands, so that the rockers also get a chance to perform. We would like to get together with the other teachers to create learning ensembles. This may take a bit though. I'll keep you posted!

## FYI

Over the past few months, the amount of late payments has grown. This has caused me to be late on rent and bills, and I am being charged for it. If you forget at your lesson, please drop it off within that week, or I will be forced to charge a \$10/ week late fee. If the payment is not received by the BEGINNING of the second lesson of the month, the student will not receive any lessons until everything is paid in full. For those of you who do pay on time consistently, I thank you!! 😊

## My FAQs

What is it, you ask? What's up with your band? When are you playing next? To answer the first question, we just got done recording a new 5 song EP that should be done in a month or so. We're all very excited about it! The guy that recorded us did an awesome job not only engineering it, but also producing it. I'll let you know when copies are for sale!

To answer the second question, nowhere soon. We are hoping that a better sounding CD will help. There is an [Ataya](#) page on the website where I am posting our gigs (when we have some), music for sale, and there is also a live video of the song "Doubt". I am also working on 2 other projects including a classical duet with Dan, the bass player of Ataya. Keep an eye out!

## That's All Folks!

Thanks for reading this all the way to the end!