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**Fall 2014**

**STUDENT RECITAL**

Participating students will receive a special gift after the recital!

See page 3 for more details.



**Remember:**

The Studio accepts credit and debit card payments via PayPal. Ask your instructor for more details.

**Happy Halloween!**



Hello and happy hauntings!

I'm excited to share the latest Studio news with you in this issue, and also give you some tips that I think you will find to be helpful in becoming a spook-tacular musician!

Let me begin by letting you know that if there's something you'd like to see in the newsletter, such

as a question you might have, email me anytime and I will try to get your question answered in the very next newsletter. Also, please feel to submit your own photos to the Studio by email if you'd like to see your photo appear online. (Please submit photos of practice sessions or shots with your instrument.)

Inside this newsletter you will find an evaluation form. This is a quick and easy way for you to give your instructor feedback about your lessons. Please fill it out and give it to your instructor at your next lesson.

Have a Happy Halloween!

~Sean

**Guitar Video Lessons to go ONLINE!**

The Studio is proud to offer videos containing tips and tricks online. The videos will be available ONLY FOR STUDENTS and will require you to use your password to access them.

Each video will contain a tip or skill not taught during regular lesson sessions.



The Studio is now also preparing to offer a

video series for beginner guitar lessons online at YouTube. Some of these videos will also appear on the Studio website this year. With your Studio password, you can view the latest videos in HD!



## Sean Carey Music in State College?

Yes, the Studio may soon offer the same great services in the Happy Valley area!

State College, Pennsylvania offers an opportunity for the Studio to grow in size and scope while also maintaining a continued presence in the local Oil Region area.

This business venture is still in the research stage and will not move forward until 2015 if it is feasible to do so.

Until then, all students looking for lessons may still find Skype lessons online, as well as the upcoming video tutorials.

### About Studio Rentals (Rent It, Keep It)

The Studio is proud to offer rental guitars for students in the local area. These guitars can be viewed on the Studio website prior to selection. All rentals are subject to a \$50

non-refundable deposit. Deposits do not count toward the rental agreement. The deposit covers damage and other incidents and serves as insurance. All renters must provide a

valid driver's license which will be captured and kept on file until the agreement is fulfilled. Some guitars are also available for short term rental. This is a great option for stu-

dents who are thinking about switching to a larger instrument or who are simply looking for a different guitar. Details are found on the website under the 'Rentals' tab.

### Take the Practice Challenge!

The Studio is offering the chance to **win \$20!** That's right, twenty bucks in cash to the winner of this contest! Here are the rules:

1. Practice five days each week for 1 hour each day.
2. Have a family member validate your score card.
3. Only 1 hour max per day counts for this challenge.
4. Make it four weeks in a row and submit your results.

Ask your instructor for more details!



*This electric guitar is new to the Studio. Visit the website to learn more about rentals.*

## Pro Tip: Bending your Fingers



*Fingers should be curved and relaxed for best results.*

Students should try to keep their fretting fingers curved and relaxed at all times. Sometimes fingers fall flat against the fretboard and this can lead to pain and discomfort, as well as poor tone control.

One easy way to check to see if your fingers are curved properly is to grasp your guitar and fret a chord. Then with your right (picking) hand, slide a pencil along strings under your fingers. It should not be a tight fit. If it feels like the pencil is pressing tight against your fingers, you should relax your grip on the strings and arch your fingers more.

### ABOUT TUITION INCREASES

Tuition rate changes are made when Studio Policy changes are made in January. New rates will be announced in January and take effect February 1, 2015.



**Tuition Discount!**

Save 23%\* on all 2015 lessons when you pay for the year in full.

Offer expires January 6, 2015.  
\*Discount calculated at current rate.

## Second Student Recital planned for November!

We have a date and time set for our second student recital! Each student will perform two selections they have prepared. Parents, grandparents and siblings are welcome to attend. Dress for students is semi-formal, for families it is casual. A group photo will be taken after the recital and will appear on the Studio website. Release forms will be supplied by the instructor prior to the recital. Please arrive at 6pm on November 13 so you have time to tune up before the recital begins. Tell your friends to come support your hard work! Good luck everyone!



# December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**NOTE:** December 23rd is the last day of lessons in 2014. The Studio will be closed between December 24 and January 4, 2014.

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