



January 2017 Newsletter

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Maa Sa Akhi's 2016-2017 Fundraiser

Fundraising Goal: Maa Sa Akhi is striving to raise \$10,000 this year. We want to keep our MSA family cozy and intimate. But we need to raise money to keep us going and to continue to provide discounts and scholarships in this challenged economy.

OUR FUNDRAISERS

Journal Ad Contest: Our annual journal ad contest is beginning earlier this year! Each year we give businesses and families a wonderful opportunity to shine a bright light for others to learn about them and applaud. Our Journal ads are viewed by hundreds. You can help your business owning friends and acquaintances gain new customers with our professional journal ad packet. All you have to do is show them the journal packet, which includes a letter explaining the fundraiser, ad sizes and costs. You can also offer \$5 booster opportunities to anyone who just wants to donate.

YOUR LOVING EFFORT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE!

Basket Raffle: This year, Maa Sa Akhi is putting on a raffle! We are raffling off an exquisite Luxury Spa Basket filled with luscious products to help you relax. Each parent will be provided with raffle books to sell tickets to family, friends, teachers, coworkers, etc.

Give Your Family And Friends A Chance to WIN This LUXURY SPA BASKET for just \$2 per Ticket!!!

Amazon Smile: Amazon is offering a service that allows customers to donate to a charity of their choice! Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of each purchase thru Amazon Smile, at **No Additional Cost to YOU**, the customer! Please ask family & friends to shop thru Amazon Smile and select Maa Sa Akhi as their charitable organization. All you have to do is:

- 1) Visit: smile.amazon.com - If you already have an Amazon account, you can log in as usual. Otherwise, create an Amazon account.
- 2) Type Maa Sa Akhi into the Search box and click Enter.
- 3) Select Maa Sa Akhi as your Foundation to donate to.
- 4) Business as usual. For every subsequent purchase, Amazon Smile will automatically donate the 0.5%.

Maa Sa Akhi is excited to kickoff our fundraisers and we hope you are too. Feel free to participate in all the fundraisers or stick with whichever one you feel more comfortable with.

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Dates To Remember

Picture Week

TBA

Come Dressed to Impress

**Caton Nursing Home
Recital**

Sunday February 19th

Mid-Winter Break

Tues. 2/21-Sat. 2/25

No Class

**Mini Recital & Raffle
Drawing Party**

Tues. February 28th

Raffle rules:

1. Raffle tickets are to be sold for \$2 per ticket and \$10 per raffle book of six tickets.
2. The raffle is open to all, including Maa Sa Akhi staff.
3. There is no limit to the amount of tickets participants can buy and sell.
4. All raffle tickets to be drawn, must be sold and turned in by February 28th .

What's In the Basket?

- ◆ 2 Large Bath Towel, 2 Hand Towels & 2 Wash Clothes
- ◆ Fragrant Bath Bar Soap
- ◆ Soothing Shower Gel
- ◆ Exfoliating Loofah
- ◆ Moisturizing All Natural Lotion
- ◆ Relaxing Herbal Tea
- ◆ Rich, Heavenly Dark Chocolates

WELCOMES & THANKS

THANK YOU, CLAUDIA

Maa Sa Akhi is delighted to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to our very own Claudia Jaundoo!

Throughout her years at Maa Sa Akhi, Claudia has always been so supportive and an exceptional member of the Maa Sa Akhi family. From creating beautiful place mats to making her delicious polourris for our Spring Recital, Claudia always shines through. And she's done it again!

Claudia designed a beautiful basket to jumpstart our basket raffle fundraiser!

Thank you, Claudia. We So Appreciate YOU!

WELCOME, MR. FULLERTON

A warm welcome to our new guitar teacher Colin Fullerton! We're glad to have YOU! Mr. Colin Fullerton began playing the classical guitar at age six. His enthusiasm for the art compelled him to share this love and fascination with anyone willing to listen. Since winning his first guitar competition at age nine, he's performed in a broad variety of venues, from concert halls in Los Angeles, New York, and Spain to churches, nursing homes, and elementary schools throughout

his native North Carolina. His playing has garnered numerous awards and accolades over the years, including first-prize wins in ten national and international competitions, as well as full tuition scholarships to both the prestigious Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University where he earned a Bachelor's degree and the Butler School of Music at the University of Texas where he earned his Master's in Music. While still in

high school at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, Mr. Fullerton discovered his love of teaching. In just the past few years, Mr. Fullerton developed his enthusiasm and skill as a teacher with a wide array of students from the ages of five to seventy. Mr. Fullerton feels that, ultimately, teaching music is a medium for sharing and developing humanity, and with the right talent and dedication, that humanity can be channeled through an instrument.

Welcome, Kunta Aungkh

A hearty welcome to our new office staff member, Kunta Aungkh Herring, who is succeeding Ms. Helen as Administrative Assistant. Kunta Aungkh was born in Trinidad and moved to the U.S. with his family when he was 4 years old. Having began playing violin at 11 years old, it was no surprise to Kunta Aungkh when his love of music began to blossom. In fact, Kunta Aungkh considers jazz and EDM (Electronic Dance Music) his favorite music genres. During his youth, Kunta Aungkh discovered his love of working with kids when he served as a counselor at the Children of the Earth Foundation in New Jersey and Latimer Gardens in Queens. After moving to Florida, Kunta Aungkh attended college at Palm Beach State and University of Central Florida, majoring in Pharmacy and Psychology. Although he worked in pharmaceuticals for five years, Kunta Aungkh found himself feeling unsatisfied. It was only when he and a few friends started Happy Elephant, a magazine in which they reviewed music shows and interviewed artists, did he begin to feel fulfilled. Kunta Aungkh moved back to NYC last March with just what MSA needs - a wealth of technological skills and a goal to produce music .

We Are So Glad To Have YOU!

Announcements

IMPORTANT PARENT AGREEMENT UPDATE

Maa Sa Akhi has updated the Parent Agreement. Going forward, parents will be charged a \$50 fee when class rescheduling or cancellation takes place after the add/drop period has ended. Please be advised that this change will be implemented effective immediately.

Thank you.

SIGN UP FOR REMIND

REMIND, formerly REMIND 101, is a service which allows us to keep in touch with each family via text to your cell phone. If you can't be informed via email, REMIND will get the same message to you via your cell phone. We need our parents to sign up for this program IMMEDIATELY!!!

If you have not already, it's important that you sign up ASAP by following the instructions below. If you have a problem, succeeding, please let us know the next time you're at Maa Sa Akhi and we'll be sure to help you get it done.

To Sign Up for REMIND:

1. Type 81010 in the "to" box and type @maasaakhi1 in the message area, then click send.
2. You will receive a request for your name. Reply with your first and last name.
3. Next, you will receive another text asking if you are a parent, student or teacher and requesting you respond S for student, P for parent and T for teacher. Text back P.
4. Finally, you will receive a text notifying you that you are now signed up and can receive messages.

Thank you.

GET YOUR DVDS

2016 Spring Recital DVDs are
STILL AVAILABLE!!!

\$10 per dvd / \$15 for 2 copies

Watch SPECTACULAR performances by our students and relive this wonderful event!

Keep it for yourself or give it as a gift.

FEEL THE RHYTHM!

Maa Sa Akhi is offering a percussion class and there are still spaces available!!

Fridays 4:30-5:30pm

Come on in and register
for our group drumming class
TODAY!

Awesome Guitar Lessons!

Thursdays 5pm-6:30pm

Slots still available

Sign up TODAY!!!

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**We Need Your Help
To Build Our Following!!!**

AND A HEARTY HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!