



## Photo Report of JCA Parent Club

### 家庭音乐教育座谈会

### Music Education in the Family

**Speaker: Dr. Jian Jun He**, Associate Professor of Composition and Music Theory, Jacksonville University

**Facilitated by: Dr. Bailin Liang**, Parent Representative of JCA Chinese School

**Reported by: Iris Luo**, Director of Public Relation and Communication

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Music education is close to the heart of many Chinese families in Jacksonville. While it is rewarding to see your son or daughter play a nice piece of music, the learning process could be painful for both parents and children, and sometimes, even heartbreaking. Dr. Jian Jun He, Associate Professor of Composition and Music Theory at Jacksonville University, kindly offered his expert view on music education from both eastern and western perspective at JCA Chinese School.



The talk of Music Education in the Family took place on Sunday, October 11, 2009, at the beautiful Coggin College of Business at University of North Florida.



Dr. 何建军, Associate Professor of Composition and Music Theory, Jacksonville University, Shared his perspective on music education.

Professor He received his D.M.A. in composition from West Virginia University. His compositions are enjoying growing success in Asia and the United States. They have been featured at numerous new music related festivals and conferences. He has also published books and research papers dealing with music theory, compositional techniques, ethnomusicology, and music education. As a violinist, he has many years experience playing with professional orchestras and performing as a solo recitalist and chamber musician. Before joining JU, he taught at West Virginia University (WV), Slippery Rock University (PA), Stephen F Austin State University (TX), and Casper College (WY). He has won numerous teaching awards including “Young Teacher’s Award for Excellence at Ningxia University (1991),” “Excellent Teacher of Ningxia (1993),” and “Rosenthal Outstanding Educator Award (Casper College, 2008).”

During his talk, Professor He discussed the extensive benefits of music education in the development of children’s character (德), intelligence (智), health (体) and appreciation of fine art (美) based on his personal and professional experience. It is also very interesting to know there is a practical reason to learn music in the United States. Since Christianity is the only religious belief that uses music extensively to praise God, music becomes a way to connect one’s soul to God, which explains the respect for and emphasis on music education in the United States.

When asked by many parents on how to help kids enjoy learning music, Professor He suggested attending concert, talent show, and all kinds of music event to expose children to the world of music. Lastly and most importantly, be patient with your children. It is a long-term investment in their future.



There were about 20 Chinese School parents, JCA members and interested individuals attending the talk of Music Education at JCA Chinese School on October 11, 2009.



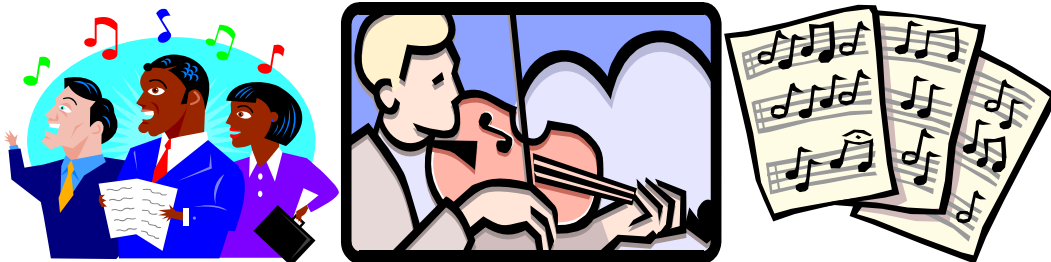
Parents approached Dr He after the talk with questions from their own experience. JCA presented Dr. He with moon cake as a token of appreciation.



Left to Right: Iris Ying Luo (罗颖), Director of Public Relation and Communication, Dr. Lian An (安莲), principal of JCA Chinese School, Professor Jian Jun He (何建军) and his wife Lan Zhang (张岚), and Dr. Bailin Liang (梁柏霖), Parent Representative.

Professor Jian Jun He, recently relocated to Jacksonville with his family. He is offering violin lessons for kids 6 years or older at beginner's level starting October 25, 2009. The lesson is scheduled on Sunday afternoon from 4:20 to 5:20 pm at JCA Chinese School (building 42, Coggin College of Business, University of North Florida, 1 UNF drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224 (Free Parking Sunday)). Tuition: \$100 for seven 1-hour lessons. Fall 2009 course offering: 10/25, 11/01, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/06, 12/13. Please contact Lian An, [anlianva@gmail.com](mailto:anlianva@gmail.com), if you are interested.

The talk was very well received. The audiences were captivated by Professor He's passion for music. They walked away with renewed commitment to music education and many helpful tools to make the learning process more enjoyable for both parents and students.



**Parents of JCA Chinese School & Members of JCA,**

**Share your thoughts and feedback with us...**

**Share your experience and fun with us...**

*We want to hear from you!*