



# mark carey's chesapeake

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**ALWAYS TRY** to pay respect to Chesapeake's hard-core moms on Mother's Day; mother of eight musically inclined progeny Alyson Shedd fits the bill.

Alyson and Brad Shedd (top center) met at the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. They were married in 1990 and moved to Virginia to attend Regent University. The couple started their family in 1997 with the birth of their first child, Olivia, who is standing to Brad's right in this week's drawing.

Olivia, 15, is the family's first violinist. She is also a prima ballerina, who loves to sew dance skirts, and sells her homemade baked-goods through her Baked Blessings business.

Clockwise is Stephen, 12, who plays viola and guitar. "He's our 'rhythm king,'" said Brad. "He recently started his own lawn business and was able to purchase his own Martin guitar all by himself!"

Laura, 6, is a viola player as well, with an ability to remember great details.

Alyson, seated, is holding the newest member of the Shedd family, 2-year-old Brennan.

Juliana, 4, sings like her mother and will keep a beat on anything she can find. She enjoys watching her mother teach music classes at church and will probably start the violin in a few years.

Susanna, 8, is a cello player; she especially enjoys her instrument because she likes sitting down while she plays her music.



Ava, 10, plays virtuoso violin. She also loves playing the piano and singing with her mother. Practicing her violin is a pure pleasure, but she loves making music with her family most of all.

Sophia, 14, is the harp player I wrote about in my Feb. 10 column. She performs at the local Chick-fil-A at Sams Circle, Bruton Parish church and at the Founders Inn. She also loves keeping record of family memories through slide shows.

Brad is the associate pastor at Harvest Assembly Church in Greenbrier, assistant conductor for the

Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia, a strolling violinist, private music teacher and an avid swimmer.

Our Mother's Day Mom, Alyson, is an accomplished vocalist and master music teacher. She is "an amazing mother to our eight children," boasts Brad. "I'm so thankful for her."

The Deep Creek family clings to their faith, their music and to each other in refreshing ways. Together, they create the Shedd Family Orchestra. If you have an event that needs a musical boost, give them a call, 718-9530. Happy Mother's Day!

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