



WHAT IS SUZUKI VIOLIN?

Open to children ages 3 to 8 years

This program allows interested students and parents the opportunity to learn the violin through a modified Suzuki approach. Lessons are taught in small groups of 3 students per class. Technical skills are broken down into the smallest possible steps so that information is introduced in a way that is understood by both parent and child, promoting a strong partnership between parent, teacher and child. **Parent or caregiver must attend each lesson.**

Since the method is based on the mother-tongue approach to learning, the use of reference recordings is essential to the progress of all students. **Daily listening to recordings of the pieces** to be studied helps the child to learn the melodies and hear how good violin tone sounds.

Lessons are conducted in a safe, structured and nurturing environment where students feel comfortable to explore the many concepts that are introduced during each lesson. Lessons begin by focusing on balanced posture of the body, including violin and bow hold followed by a focus on tone production or "tonalization." From this point on, selected pieces of music will be introduced to the student to promote and develop artistic musicianship and musical awareness.

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