

About Suzuki Strings at Hochstein

The Hochstein School offers a comprehensive program of study based on the philosophy of Dr. Shinichi Suzuki. The Suzuki String Program includes instrumental study of violin, viola, and cello with qualified, trained teachers with the Suzuki Association of the Americas.

Orientation and Observation

Hochstein welcomes and encourages parents of prospective students to observe lessons and classes before enrolling in the program.

Please call 454-4596 for the observation schedule.

Individual Instrumental Lessons and Group Classes

- Individual lessons are taught in 30, 45, and 60 minute sessions and are supplemented by weekly 50 minute group classes.
- Group presentations are scheduled approximately three times during the year.
- Solo recital opportunities are available.



**Tuition assistance is available on a sliding scale for those who qualify.
Call 585.454.4596 for more information.**

Bibliography for Parents

Interested in knowing more?
We recommend:

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Suzuki, Nagata, *Ability Development from Age Zero*, Alfred Music - 1993.

Star, William and Constance, *To Learn With Love*, Alfred Music - 1995.

Suzuki Program Contact:

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For detailed information about the Suzuki program, our faculty, and classes, please visit our website at: www.hochstein.org/music or scan the QR code with your mobile phone!



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MUSIC at Hochstein ♥ Suzuki Program

**violin, viola & cello
for ages 3 and up**



About the Suzuki Method

Developed in Japan more than 50 years ago by Dr. Shinichi Suzuki, the Suzuki Talent Education Method has become one of the most widely used and successful means of teaching today. Dr. Suzuki's philosophy is that all children are born with a high potential for learning, and that given the opportunity and a proper environment, any child can learn to play an instrument.

Students in the Suzuki program learn to make music using the "mother-tongue" approach, the same manner in which they learn to speak through listening and imitating. When learning their native language, parents repeat simple words for their child and encourage the child as he or she successfully imitates the sounds. The Suzuki Method works in quite the same way. By listening to the instrument being played beautifully and receiving encouragement from parents and teacher, the child can learn to play.

The Suzuki Program at Hochstein offers much more than an individual music lesson. Lessons are supplemented by weekly 50-minute group classes and include parent education. It offers children a chance to develop other important aspects of their lives, including self-discipline, memory, focus, self-esteem and confidence. Children's lives are enriched by playing a musical instrument, and they develop the satisfaction that comes from doing something well.

Student, parent, and teacher have equally important roles in determining the success of each child's experience with the Suzuki Method. By attending all lessons, supervising daily listening, and practicing with the student, the parent becomes actively involved in the learning process. Previous knowledge of music is not essential to be a successful Suzuki Parent. The parent, who is actually the "home teacher," is taught step-by-step how to help the child at home.

Because the Suzuki Method works in the same way as the language acquisition and literacy process — exposure, listening, talking, reading — the student will start reading music once good posture and intonation awareness have been established.



Group lessons are a key part of the Suzuki program. At the group lesson, the students have the opportunity to experience the joy of playing together and for one another. Younger students are inspired by the older students' playing. With a spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm, the students and parents encourage each other, and friendships are created. Children enjoy the benefits of the social aspect of music from the very beginning.

Dr. Suzuki's method is not just a means of teaching—it is a way of life that will enrich the child in countless ways. The enjoyment of the learning process is appreciated by the teacher, child, and parent.

Enrichment Classes for Parents

Because parents play such a vital role in the Suzuki learning method, Hochstein provides guidance and support through periodic parent education classes. Suzuki parent education is a requirement of the program and is included in the general Suzuki fees.

New Suzuki families learn the basics of integrating this unique learning process into family life in a six-week class that emphasizes the Suzuki philosophy, instrument care, and basic rhythms.

Call (585) 454-4596 for the current schedule.



Before your 1st Lesson:

Each student will begin their Suzuki training with a "box instrument" to ensure that proper posture is learned before graduating to an appropriately sized violin, viola, or cello. We strongly encourage parents have a full size instrument during the initial lessons.

(Parents may rent an instrument which is then exchanged for the child's when they graduate from the "box!")

Instructions on how to create your box instrument will be given when registering for lessons.

Additional information about instruments and supplies will be given at the first lesson.