

MacPhail

CENTER FOR MUSIC

August 6, 2018

Greetings Suzuki families!

We hope you are enjoying the summer. It's time to start looking ahead to fall events, and we're excited to reconnect with our Suzuki families again!

To kick off the year, we invited nationally renowned Suzuki teacher and lecturer, **Edmund Sprunger** to speak with our MacPhail Suzuki parents on **Wednesday, September 5, 7:30 – 9:00 pm in Antonello Hall**. Save the date! Mr. Sprunger will present "**Resistance: What it isn't, What it IS, and What to Do About It!**" Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear from an expert on child development, the Suzuki philosophy and parent-child practice interactions. This parent-only session is designed to give parents support and ideas for working with their children through various stages of development, from beginners through advanced. The session is sponsored by the MacPhail Suzuki faculty and is free of charge for parents.

Many Suzuki teachers are donating a portion of their MSA (MacPhail Suzuki Association) professional development funds to pay for Mr. Sprunger's visit. Make sure to help replenish the professional development fund by paying your **2018 – 2019 MSA membership fee of \$25.00** as soon as possible (form enclosed) so we can continue to participate in ongoing Suzuki education.

Plan to attend the **Suzuki Welcome Recital** on **Friday, September 21 at 6:00 pm**, in Antonello Hall, featuring students of all ages and instruments. This event is for the whole family, and a reception will follow in the US Bank Lobby, provided by the MacPhail Suzuki Association. Come and greet old friends and make some new ones!

Mark your calendars for your **specific group classes listed below**. Regular attendance at group classes is key to your child's ongoing engagement in instrument study. Group lessons reinforce concepts and repertoire introduced in private lessons. Dr. Suzuki's vision for group class is to create community within a program where students and families learn and are motivated from each other. We are fortunate to have such a dynamite team of teachers who work together to provide the best possible group instruction for our students!

Dates for group classes are on the enclosed calendar or on our website at <http://www.macphail.org/for-youth/suzuki-talent-education>. At the first group you will meet your teacher, get to know your classmates and learn about general curricular goals for the year.

Please check out other events for our department on the enclosed calendar.

Also, I want to let you know about a few changes in our Suzuki faculty:

- **Julia Clearman** is leaving MacPhail to pursue a Doctor of Psychology degree in clinical psychology at Wheaton College in Chicago, Illinois.

- **Benjamin Downs** is joining the Suzuki piano faculty to teach individual Suzuki lessons in Minneapolis and Chanhassen and Suzuki piano group classes in Minneapolis.
- **Mischa Santora** is resigning as conductor of the Suzuki Chamber Orchestra to take a position as conductor of the Boston Ballet Orchestra.
- **David Leung** will conduct the Suzuki Chamber Orchestra in addition to continuing as conductor of the Camerata Orchestra.

We are sad to say goodbye to Ms. Clearman and Mr. Santora; they have both made major contributions to our program. I'm confident that Mr. Downs and Mr. Leung will provide smooth transitions and will offer new perspectives to our Suzuki experience.

Remember to look for the **Suzuki Gavotte newsletter** in your email for important Suzuki news throughout the year.

Along with the Suzuki faculty, I welcome you to the 2018 – 2019 year and hope you enjoy a year of excellent lessons, fun activities and musical growth.

Warm regards,



Beth Turco
Suzuki Director

Your student's specific group class assignment is listed below:

Student First Name:

Student Last Name:

Instrument:

Location:

Room Number:

Class Begins:

Group Class:

Time:

Teacher: