

# GETTING STARTED IN THE SUZUKI PROGRAM

A Checklist to help interested families join the MacPhail Suzuki Program.

- **Attend a Suzuki Program Information Session:**

We briefly share the Suzuki philosophy and approach to music education, our program details and the next steps to enroll. Wednesdays at MacPhail Minneapolis from 6:30-7:30 pm in room 107. These meetings are for parents and caregivers only. No reservations are necessary.

**Upcoming dates:**

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

- **Fill out an a placement form**

Online <http://www.macphail.org/for-youth/suzuki-talent-education/suzuki-placement-form/> or

Submit a paper copy to MacPhail Center for Music, 501 S. 2nd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55401

- **Choose an instrument**

Minneapolis location: Cello, Flute, Guitar, Harp, Piano, Viola, Violin

Apple Valley location: Piano, Violin

Chanhassen location: Cello, Piano, Viola, Violin

In general, you should postpone the purchase of an instrument until you have discussed the matter with your new teacher. Parents of prospective piano students must own or rent a piano in order to begin Suzuki Piano studies. An electronic keyboard is not suitable under any circumstances.

- **Observe the Suzuki Approach in Action.**

- **Attend Studio Recitals, Department Recitals, Group Classes** to see the various components of our Suzuki community.
- With the help of the Assistant Director, **schedule observations of private studio lessons** (preferable to observe teachers who have openings that match your availability) to see the interaction of Teacher, Student and Parent. (The Suzuki Triangle)

- **Consider enrolling in an Early Childhood Music Class** while you are waiting for a spot in the Suzuki program:

- **Suzuki Early Childhood Education**, for ages 0 to 3 years old with a caregiver
- **Suzuki Stars – Suzuki Prep Course**, for ages 3 to 5 years old with a caregiver
- **Sing, Play, Learn Classes** offered by the Early Childhood Music department – numerous classes, days and times of offerings. For ages 0-8 years old

- **Confirm placement with Private Studio teacher.**

- **Register and Pay Tuition to secure your spot in the Suzuki program.**

Student Services at the Front Desk of any location, or call 612-321-0100

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