

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, February 7, 2018

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

○ **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)

○ **Meet with the Assistant Director** via phone or in person for 20 minutes to finalize placement in Suzuki program.

○ **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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