

**Back to Basics, What Every Teacher Wants You to Know: GETTING THE LESSON INFO HOME CORRECTLY**

**By Lucy Shaw**

**From the video series Parents as Partners Online 2013**

*(Continued from October Gavotte Newsletter)*

I am Lucy Shaw, and I run a private Suzuki studio just outside of Seattle in the state of Washington. My talk today is called Back to Basics, What Every Teacher Wants to Know.

First thing, own a really good small, portable video camera (or smartphone) that you know how to use. This is one of your biggest assets to getting the lesson information home. Often it is hard to really remember everything that happened in a lesson. You can record a whole lesson or portions of a lesson. Another thing the camera is great for is when you get home, and there is a dispute over what the teacher was really asking for. You can just refer to the video, and it solves that problem.

You need to have your own notebook and take time to write notes accurately. One thing you might do is take some notes during the lesson and then review the videotape and maybe make a few corrections or additions.

Do you understand the physical expectations of your teacher? If you have trouble figuring these out you may want to ask if you can try it out at the lesson. Often times the children do not mind when the teacher is manipulating their hands or their body in the lesson to get their set up just right. But, they are not very happy when their parent starts to manipulate them. If it is demonstrated in the lesson, then it is a lot easier for that child to accept your physical guidance at home.

Another thing that you can do is ask questions at the end of a lesson. Do you know what the child is expected to do? Sit close to the lesson, so you are an active member of the Suzuki triangle.

Have your own music if you have a child that is in book four or above with measure numbers marked. This is a much more efficient way to take notes on specific measures and what needs to be practiced.

If your teacher has an assignment book or a chart, make sure your child and you together, or your child, if your child is practicing more independently, refer to this during the practice time.

One great question you may ask the teacher at the end of each lesson is "If there was one thing you would want me to remember from our lesson, what would it be?"

**We will share this article over the course of several Gavotte Issues**

### SPAIN TOUR 2019 PHOTO SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH



We are having a photo shoot on Sunday, November 11th with the Spain Tour Participants, directly following the 3:00 Orchestra Concert at about 3:45 / 4:00.

Guitar and Piano students should arrive no later than 3:45 and should wear concert all-black clothing (which is our concert dress for the tour as well).

It's fine if some orchestra students are wearing black and white.

We'll take a picture on the grand staircase. Orchestra kids should bring their instruments.

### CONGRATULATIONS!



**Maheeya Bhattacharya**  
1100 Days of Practice!



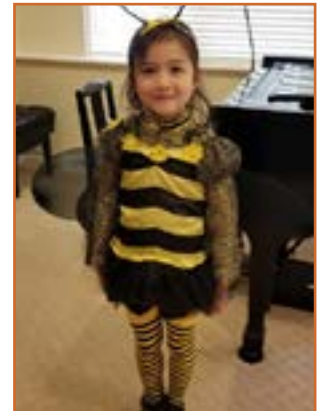
**Stella Kelliher**  
400 Days of Practice!



**Sanna Walker**  
Suzuki Piano Book 4  
Graduation!



**Charlie Kim**  
100 Days of Practice!



**Eira Lindberg**  
Suzuki Piano Book 1  
Graduation!

### SUZUKI HALLOWEEN FUN!



**Ruby Delaney**, 600 Days of Practice completed on Halloween!

# MacPhail Suzuki Orchestras Concert

**SUNDAY November 11, 2018**

**3:00pm**

**Antonello Hall**

**MacPhail Minneapolis**

**Rehearsal Schedule:** Arrive in time to START your rehearsal at the given time.

2:00-2:20pm Chamber Warm-up – ANTONELLO HALL - ARRIVE BY 1:45

2:25-2:45 pm DaCapo Warm-up – ANTONELLO HALL – ARRIVE BY 2:00

2:25-2:45 pm Camerata Warm-up – ROOM 108 – ARRIVE BY 2:00

2:00-2:20 pm Sinfonia Warm-up ROOM 108 – ARRIVE BY 1:45

## **Unpack:**

Cellos: unpack in the US Bank Lobby (at the top of the stairs outside of the hall)  
Violins and violas :unpack on the first floor – look for tables

## **Dress:**

DaCapo, Sinfonia and Camerata: White Tops and Black Bottoms

Chamber: All Black

There will be quite a few people attending this concert.  
Please be careful to note when students are moving with instruments,  
and be sure to let them pass with great care.

Thank you!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Friday, November 9, 2018

**Suzuki All Instrument Department Recital**  
6:00 pm, Antonello Hall

Saturday, November 10, 2018

**Carlynn Savot Suzuki Cello Studio Recital**  
1:30 pm, MacPhail Chanhassen  
**Beatrice Blanc Suzuki Violin Studio Recital**  
2:00 pm, Antonello Hall

Sunday, November 11, 2018

**Suzuki String Orchestras Concert**  
3:00 pm, Antonello Hall

Thursday, November 15, 2018

**Susan Sophocleus Suzuki Piano Studio Recital**  
6:00 pm and 7:00 pm, Antonello Hall

Friday, November 16, 2018

**Suzuki All Instrument Department Recital**  
6:00 pm, Antonello Hall

Saturday, November 17, 2018

**Christy Libbus Suzuki Cello Studio Recital**  
1:45 pm, Antonello Hall  
**Andrea French Suzuki Cello Studio Recital**  
3:15 pm, Antonello Hall

Sunday, November 18, 2018

**Cindy Malmin Suzuki Piano Studio Recital**  
10:30 am and 12:00 pm, Antonello Hall  
**Annette Lee Suzuki Piano Studio Recital**  
1:15 pm, Antonello Hall  
3:15, Room 124

Friday, November 30, 2018

**Suzuki All Instrument Department Recital**  
6:00 pm, Antonello Hall

*\*Note the Suzuki Faculty Recital has been cancelled for this evening,  
we will have a student performance in its place.*

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to be included in a future issue of the Gavotte Newsletter:

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to the following students for auditioning and performing for these Fall MasterClasses:

Spencer Martin, Viola Masterclass  
 October 7, 2018  
**Anthony Chen**  
**Nicholas Fu**  
**Andrea Li**  
**Meerah Thompson**

Amit Peled, Cello Masterclass  
 October 27, 2018  
**Oliver Kunin**  
**Aman Nath**

**New Parent Class**

**New Parent Class**  
 De La Salle High School,  
 11:00 am - 12:15 pm,  
 Room D 104

Enter the building under the clock tower.  
 Parking is free!

Saturdays:  
 November 10 and 17

This class is for new practice parents who joined our program in the summer and fall of 2018.

**MARY POPPINS JUNIOR**

**Suzuki Violin Students Indra Khariwala and Ella Kozak, and Suzuki Piano Student, Chase Kozak are featured in the upcoming Stages Theater show:**

Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's MARY POPPINS JR.  
 NOVEMBER 16 – DECEMBER 27, 2018  
 Suitable for all ages.



Show Times and Ticket Info can be found below  
<https://www.stagestheatre.org/upcoming-shows/>

**PIANO NOTE READING CLASS**

Students from the Piano Note Reading Class enjoy a game of musical alphabet scrabble.

