50 Years of MacPhail Suzuki: 1967-2017

Come and celebrate the MacPhail Suzuki Program 50th Anniversary!

Mark Bjork founded the Suzuki program in 1967 with just a few violin students, after seeing the Suzuki Violin Tour Group from Japan during one of their first international tours to the United States. In 1974, Nancy Pederson began a Suzuki piano program at MacPhail and became the Suzuki Associate Director. The two worked together to build one of the most reputable Suzuki programs in the country. Today the program features lessons in 7 instruments (piano, harp, guitar, violin, viola, cello, and flute) and has more than 700 students.

We hope current and former Suzuki students, teachers, parents, family and friends can come together to celebrate the rich history of our program.

We’ll gather the weekend of January 5 and 6, 2018 for some fun events. Mark your calendars now! Included will be:

Friday, January 5, 6:00 pm, Antonello Hall: Suzuki Department recital featuring current students
  o Come and listen to current Suzuki students of all instruments and levels perform solos
  o Reception to follow provided by the MSA
  o Free and open to the public (no reservations required)

Saturday, January 6, 10:00 -11:00 am, De LaSalle High School: String Play-Ins during group classes
  o Bring your instrument and join our group classes to play your Suzuki favorites!
  o Free and open to alumni string students and faculty
  o Email SuzukiDept@macphail.org to reserve your spot

Saturday, January 6, 7:00 pm, Antonello Hall: Suzuki 50th Anniversary Gala Alumni Benefit Recital
  Featuring performances by MacPhail Suzuki Alumni.

Tickets: $25 adults, $15 youth (ages 6 through 18), $5 for current Suzuki students
Tickets may be ordered by calling 612.767.5250 or by stopping by Student Services. Advance purchase is recommended. All tickets are general admission. Seating is subject to availability. Any net proceeds from ticket sales will fund the Bjork/Pederson Student Scholarship Fund.
The **Bjork/Pederson Suzuki Student Scholarship Fund** was established in 1994 and honors Mark Bjork and Nancy Pederson for their years of teaching and work in establishing MacPhail’s Suzuki Program. Our goal is to raise the $25,000 needed to permanently endow the fund making it possible to award a scholarship annually to a student/s in the MacPhail Suzuki program to help defray tuition costs. This would provide much needed support to students with financial need in our program.

To Donate Visit:  
http://www.macphail.org/suzuki-50th-anniversary/

**Share Your Suzuki Stories and Stay connected!**

We’re collecting **Suzuki Stories** and **photos** from the past to publish in our Suzuki Newsletter, The Gavotte and/or to display at the Gala Recital. Send your story about your personal experience with the Suzuki program and photos (JPEG files, please) to SuzukiDept@macphail.org.

**Visit our website:** http://www.macphail.org/suzuki-50th-anniversary/ for more information.
Halloween Weekend

Suzuki Play-Ins

Date: Saturday Oct 28

Location: DeLaSalle High School

- Violins – Florence Center*
- Cellos – Room 215
- Violas – Room 308*

*Pre-Twinkle/Twinkle Violins/Violas – 1) Katie H. 10:15 Violin Group
and 2) Ruth B 10:15 viola group and 3) Kamini L. 11:15 will go to their usual group room

When: Come at your regular group time

Costumes Welcomed!!! . . . but please no masks or face paint

Orchestras meet at regular time and place
CONGRATULATIONS!

Top Row: Evangeline Werger-junior piano major at Lawrence University with Katy Krauel, Graduates of Suzuki Piano Teacher Training - During the July Institute - Zhiyu Wang and Ella Caswell-IL, Suzuki Piano Graduates - In August, Natalie Libbus from Book 3 and Justin Libbus from Book 2

Middle Row: Graduates from Suzuki Piano Teacher Training Book 2 - Zhiyu Wang, Lily Griffith, Evangeline Werger, In August, Bridget Keel graduated from Book 2 Ronan Keel from Book 1. Lauren Fairbairn completes 200 days of practice!

Bottom Row: Maheeya Bhattacharya completes 700 days of practice in a row, Owen Fairbairn completes 200 days of practice in a row, Ruby Delaney completes 200 days of practice in a row!
Upcoming Events

Friday, October 27
**Suzuki Department Recital**, 6 pm, Antonello Hall
**Harp Halloween Play-In**, 6:15 pm, room 126

Saturday, October 28
**Christy Libbus Suzuki Cello Studio Recital**
1:00 pm, Antonello Hall

Friday, November 3 - **SUZUKI FACULTY RECITAL**, rescheduled for **Friday, December 1**, 6 pm,
Faculty will play their favorite Suzuki pieces!

Friday, November 10
**Suzuki Department Recital**, 6 pm, Antonello Hall

Friday, November 17
**Suzuki Department Recital**, 6 pm, Antonello Hall

QUESTIONS?

Who do I contact with questions about . . . . .?

**Guitar Groups**: Jean Seils
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**String Groups**: Heather VanderLey
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**Suzuki Program Issues and Concerns**: 
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http://www.macphail.org/for-youth/suzuki-talent-education/current-students/

New Parent Class

**New Parent Class**
De La Salle High School,
11:00 am - 12:15 pm, Room 207

Saturdays:
11:00 am-12:15 pm
October 28
November 4
November 11

This class is for new practice parents who joined our program in the summer and fall of 2017.

Orchestra Concert

**MacPhail Suzuki Orchestra Concert**
SUNDAY Nov 5, 2017
1:30pm
Antonello Hall

**Rehearsal Schedule**: 
Arrive in time to START your rehearsal at the given time. 
12:30pm Chamber Warm-up – ANTONELLO HALL
1:00 pm DaCapo Warm-up – ANTONELLO HALL
1:00 pm Camerata Warm-up – ROOM 125
12:30 pm Sinfonia Warm-up –ROOM 127

**Unpack**: 
Cellos: unpack in the US Bank Lobby
Violins and violas: unpack on the first floor

**Dress**: 
DaCapo, Sinfonia and Camerata: 
White Tops and Black Bottoms
Chamber: All Black