



BUFFALO
SUZUKI
STRINGS

Fall 2013

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SUZUKI TEACHER TRAINING

WITH SAA TEACHER TRAINER

MARY CAY NEAL



Sessions: Thursday through Sunday

October 10th-13th

November 14th-17th

Sessions Include

Every Child Can! : Introduction to the Suzuki Teaching Method

Violin Unit One: SAA Registration



Suzuki Teacher Training

Every Child Can! (non-instrument specific) – Thursday, October 10th (12noon-6:00pm)

Violin Unit 1: - Thursday, October 10th to Sunday, October 13th

Violin Unit 1 (continued): - Thursday, November 14th to Sunday, November 17th

Course Descriptions:



Every Child Can! (ECC) – This 6 hour course is an introduction to Dr. Suzuki’s philosophy and Suzuki education. ECC serves as the required first course in the Suzuki Association of the Americas (SAA) Teacher Development Program. **This course is instrument nonspecific and is a prerequisite to beginning a sequence of Suzuki pedagogy study.**

Violin Unit 1 – This 28 hour course is the first unit course for the Suzuki Association of the Americas. This course will cover material taught in the Suzuki Violin Volume One Book. Topics that will be covered in this course include, establishing relationships with the parent and the student, how to properly establish a solid foundation in the physical set-up of a beginner student regardless of age, how each piece in Volume 1 teaches specific technique and builds on the previous pieces, what to do in group classes, and much more! **Attendance at all 28 hours of lecture and 15 hours of observation is the requirement for SAA registration.**

Pre-Requisites– There are no pre-requisites for the **Every Child Can!** course. To qualify for SAA registration in the **Violin Unit 1** course you must:

- Complete the **Every Child Can!** course
- Submit and pass an audition through the SAA. **Audition deadline is 1 month before course start date (September 10th). Late submission fees are due after this date.** Please visit the SAA website for further teacher audition guidelines information: <http://suzukiassociation.org/teachers/training/audition/>
- Be an active member of the SAA. Please visit the SAA website for further information about membership: <http://suzukiassociation.org/about/membership/>
- Be a high school graduate
- Prepare for the course by familiarizing themselves with the Book 1 repertoire

Location – Buffalo Suzuki Strings’ Musical Arts Center
4 Webster Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Instructor – Mary Cay Neal

Cost – Every Child Can! \$100
Violin Unit 1 \$700

Course Schedules:

Thursday, October 10th

Morning Travel

12:00pm-6:00pm **Every Child Can!**

Violin Unit 1

7:00pm-9:00pm Lecture

Friday, October 11th

9:00am-1:00pm Lecture

2:30pm-6:30pm Observation

Saturday, October 12th

9:00am-12:00pm Lecture

1:30pm-4:30pm Observation

4:30pm-6:30pm Lecture

Sunday, October 13th

9:00am-12:00pm Lecture

Thursday, November 14th

Morning Travel

1:00pm-4:00pm Lecture

4:00pm-6:00pm Observation

Friday, November 15th

9:00am-1:00pm Lecture

2:30pm-6:30pm Observation

Saturday, November 16th

9:00am-12:00pm Observation

1:30pm-5:30pm Lecture

Sunday, November 17th

9:00am-12:00pm Lecture

Mary Cay Neal is the Founder and Executive Director of Buffalo Suzuki Strings. Mary Cay teaches violin and conducts the BSS Advanced Ensemble and the Friendship Touring Ensemble. Mary Cay holds a Bachelor of Music Degree from Georgia State University and has done post-graduate work in Suzuki Pedagogy. She has studied with Dr. Shinichi Suzuki on many occasions beginning in 1969 and including: teacher-training workshops at the International Conferences in Hawaii in 1975 and 1977; Munich, Germany in 1979; Amherst, Massachusetts in 1981; Matsumoto, Japan in 1983; and has taught at the International Suzuki Teachers' Conferences in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in 1985; Adelaide, Australia in 1991; Matsumoto, Japan in 1999; and Turin, Italy in 2006. Mary Cay is a registered Teacher Trainer and has served on The Suzuki Association of the Americas Board of Directors for three terms. She has taught teacher training and violin at many Suzuki Institutes and workshops in the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, Japan, and South America.

Buffalo Suzuki Strings (BSS) was established in 1969 and is a not-for-profit music program committed to providing a comprehensive and complete music education in violin, viola, cello, piano, classical guitar and double bass as well as Music for Infants & Toddlers for students from birth to age 18. The school is patterned after Dr. Shinichi Suzuki's Talent Education philosophy that any child can learn to play an instrument when the environment surrounding the child is supportive in the most positive way.

Study with BSS is family centered ~ Parent/Teacher/Child. The parent attends lessons and practices daily with the child, who also listens daily to the Suzuki repertoire. Listening to classical music and attending live concerts is necessary for children to learn the "Language of Music."

BSS is dedicated to promoting "World Harmony Through Music" the motto of our Friendship Touring Ensemble. This ideal is positively reinforced through BSS tours around the globe. We believe that through the universal language of music, we can help to promote peace, understanding, and friendship among the peoples of the world.

Through excellence in environment and musical training, BSS endeavors to guide students to be the best that they can be in adulthood as a result of exceptional training in childhood. Our goal is to enable the development of noble human beings through the beauty of music. Over the past 44 years, hundreds of Western New York families have embraced this philosophy as a way to encourage their children's personal growth and development.

Registration Form

Space in this course is extremely limited: register today!

Trainee Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am enrolling for the following courses: Every Child Can! ___ Suzuki Violin Unit 1 ___

Please detach and mail this registration form with your check enclosed

Tuition is \$100 for Every Child Can! and \$700 for Violin Unit 1

Checks are payable to Buffalo Suzuki Strings

Mail to: Buffalo Suzuki Strings, 4 Webster Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Questions? Call Mary Cay Neal at (716) 440-8208 or e-mail at mcneal@buffalosuzukistrings.org