

## WELCOME!

From Beth Turco, Director of Suzuki

Welcome to the 2017 -2018 year of music education! To kick off a successful start to lessons and activities, let's focus on the Suzuki "Cycle of Success." A strong commitment to regular, productive home practice results in a student's success at playing his or her instrument, which leads to self-confidence, which leads to motivation, which leads to a high level of satisfaction for students, parents and teachers. The cycle continues and becomes self-perpetuating.

So what can you do to contribute to the Cycle of Success? Aside from regular home practice, make sure to commit to attending group classes. Dr. Suzuki's vision for group class is to create community within a program where students and families learn and are motivated from each other. Group lessons reinforce concepts and repertoire introduced in private lessons. We are fortunate to have such a dynamite team of teachers who work together to provide the best possible group instruction for our students!

Our Suzuki team of faculty and staff are working to provide a variety of motivating and enriching program activities. Here are a few highlights:

- We welcome David Leung, who will be the new Suzuki Camerata Orchestra conductor. David grew up as a Suzuki violin student in Hong Kong, and he is no stranger to the Suzuki Method! He has a Bachelor of Music Degree in Violin Performance from Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, and a DMA and MM in Violin Performance along with a Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music. He taught at Florida State University and at St. Mary's University and is currently the Director of String Orchestras at the Minnehaha Academy Lower and Middle Schools. An avid performer, David is also looking forward to collaborating in chamber music performances with MacPhail faculty. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Leung!



- We're hosting a **Suzuki Department Welcome Recital on Friday, September 22 @ 6:00 in Antonello Hall**. Come and hear performances from every instrument group, reconnect with your friends, meet new friends and stay for a reception provided by the MSA.

- We're planning a **Suzuki Tour to Spain in June, 2019**. Students who are 13 years or older by June, 2019 are eligible to attend. A detailed information session will be scheduled for later this fall. Fundraising activities are starting now (see MSA Holiday Plant sale details in this issue.)

- Our MacPhail Suzuki Department is celebrating its **50 year Anniversary** this year! Mark Bjork founded the Suzuki program in 1967 with just a few violin students. Today the program features lessons in 7 instruments and has more than 700 students. Current and former Suzuki students, teachers, parents, family and friends are invited to celebrate the rich history of our program.

- We're kicking off our celebration with a **50th Anniversary t-shirt sale** (see details in this issue).

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- We're planning a **celebratory weekend of events on January 5 and 6, 2018:**
- **Friday, January 5, 6:00, Antonello Hall**, Suzuki Department Recital featuring current students and returning college students. Reception to follow hosted by the MSA
- **Saturday, January 6, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm String Play-Ins** for current students, joined by alumni
- **Saturday, January 6, 7:00 pm, 50th Anniversary Gala Suzuki Alumni Recital**, featuring Xavier Jara, guitar, Michael Sutton, violin and other alumni. Ticketed event. Reception to follow hosted by the MSA
- Proceeds from the Gala Recital and donations will create a new need-based **Suzuki Scholarship fund**. Details about ticket sales and donations coming soon.
- **"Suzuki Stories"** will be shared in future issues of the Gavotte

**Mark your calendars now, spread the word, and stay tuned for more details to come!**



## BATTERIES FOR HURRICANE MARIA

Our Suzuki Viola and Violin Teacher, Tamara Gonzalez, will likely be travelling to Puerto Rico next week to help family, friends and neighbors recover post Hurricane Maria. Tami is asking for Suzuki families to **donate batteries of all sizes** for her to take to Puerto Rico since they are without power. We will be collecting batteries on **Saturday, September 23rd at the bagel table at De LaSalle** String Group classes.

At this time, she will not be collecting any money donations, since she is not sure which relief group will be offering the best help at this point.

Thank you for helping out!

# THE MACPHAIL SUZUKI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL HOLIDAY PLANT SALE

## MacPhail Suzuki Association Trip Fundraiser

The MacPhail Suzuki Association sponsors various fundraising opportunities for students who plan to participate in Suzuki Program tours. Funds raised by students will be applied directly to their personal trip account and will offset their tour expenses.



## HOLIDAY PLANT SALE DEADLINES

**Friday October 13, 2017** 4:00 pm - Order Forms Due  
at the MacPhail Minneapolis Front Desk.

**Saturday, December 2, 2017**, 8:00 am - Noon – **Orders available for pick-up  
at De LaSalle High School, 1 De LaSalle Drive, Minneapolis**

All MacPhail students are encouraged to participate!  
It's not too early to start earning money for a trip fund, even for younger students.

**Our next tour is planned for June, 2019.** Details coming soon.

Tours are planned every 3 years or so, so eventually,  
every MacPhail Suzuki student will be eligible to go on a trip.

Families will receive plant sale order forms from a Suzuki Department email or in teachers' studios.

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CENTER FOR MUSIC

## *Suzuki 50th Anniversary T-Shirts*

The MacPhail Suzuki Program celebrates our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year! Mark Bjork founded the Suzuki program in 1967 with just a few violin students. Today the program features lessons in 7 instruments and has more than 700 students. We are planning a celebratory weekend of events on January 5 and 6, 2018.

We will kick off our celebration with a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt sale.

- Order forms were emailed from the MacPhail Suzuki Department and can be found in your teacher's studio.
- Sample sizes and order forms are available at Friday night treat table and Saturday morning bagel table (DeLaSalle) and at the welcome recital on Sept. 22 @ 6:00 in Antonello Hall.
- T shirts are \$15.00 .Checks and cash are accepted. (checks payable to MSA)
- Orders due by Sept. 30 to your teacher or to the MacPhail Minneapolis front desk (attn.: MSA)
- Shirts will be available for pickup in mid-October.

Wear your MacPhail Suzuki t-shirt to various activities throughout the year!





**Support the MacPhail Suzuki Association:** *A Parent Teacher Volunteer Organization*  
 MSA activities planned for the upcoming year support your children’s music development as well as their teachers’ aim to provide outstanding Suzuki education.

**Activities of the MSA include:**

- Professional development opportunities for teachers (funded solely by membership dues!)
- Senior gifts and Seniors Concert receptions
- Teacher recognition (flowers and faculty recital receptions)
- Tour student scholarships
- Spiritwear sales
- Bagel and refreshment sales

**2017-2018 Board Members:**

- Erin Hanafin Berg, *Co-Chair*
- Michelle McIntosh, *Co-Chair*
- Ann Viviano, *Treasurer*
- Amy Clay, *Secretary*
- Tracy Dunne
- Paul Werger
- Beth Turco, *Suzuki Program Director*

The MSA relies on family participation to support all of these activities. Please give as generously as you can by paying the membership dues, making an additional contribution and/or volunteering your time!

**Membership dues go directly to support professional development activities for our Suzuki faculty, such as taking additional Suzuki teacher training and attending national conferences.**

*Other MSA fundraising activities (bagel and refreshment sales, spirit wear, plant sales and concert donations) fund additional MSA activities listed above.*

Basic Family Membership  \$25      Higher Level of Support  \$35  \$50  \$100  
 Additional donation \$\_\_\_\_\_ to  trip student scholarship fund  teacher education  general fund  
 to other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

Payment type:  Check payable to MSA     Cash    PayPal on [www.macphailsa.org](http://www.macphailsa.org)

*The following information will be used only for MSA communications and to help us track MSA members.*

Check here to give permission for your family information to appear in the MSA online directory (password protected).

**Please print clearly and fill out completely.**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Instrument(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Get Involved!** To volunteer to help MSA Activities (Reception, refreshment sales, plant and spirit wear sales). Contact Kamini LaRusso at [larusso.kamini@macphail.org](mailto:larusso.kamini@macphail.org)

**Please return the form with your contribution check/cash to your child's Suzuki teacher or MSA Mailbox at the front desk by October 1, 2017.**

Check out the *MacPhail Suzuki Association* Facebook Page to keep up with the latest MSA news.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

We invite you to attend the **Suzuki Welcome Recital on Friday, September 22 at 6:00**, in Antonello Hall, featuring students of all ages and instruments.

A reception will follow in the US Bank Lobby, provided by the MacPhail Suzuki Association. MSA Membership Forms and T-Shirt Sample Sizes and Order Forms will be available.

#### Performers:

Cello: Ally Hsieh

Flute: Genevieve Hammer

Guitar: Lillian Kareken

Harp: Sonia Driskill

Piano: Emily Lei, Colin Ma, Oscar and Samantha Graves, Luke DeLattre, Roshni Flannery, Lucy Dunne

Viola: Anthony Chen, Andrea Li

Violin: Helen Chu, Jaedyn Quimby Beach, Natasha LaRusso, Samuel Tsu, Evan Hsieh, Riley O'Neil, Tyler Farquhar

Sunday, October 1, **Suzuki Seniors Concert Auditions**, 1:00-3:00 pm, MacPhail Minneapolis

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

### THE BUDDY PROGRAM

The Buddy Program is a practicing program between students in MacPhail's Suzuki Talent Education department. We connect students who are established on their instruments and who enjoy working with other kids!

The Buddy Program is open to all instrument groups!

Mentees: Age minimum: 6 years old

Level Minimum: Folk Songs polished

Mentors: Age minimum: 12 years old

Level minimum: Book 4

Interested? Check out our new website and sign-up!

<http://www.macphail.org/for-youth/suzuki-talent-education/macphail-suzuki-buddy-program/>

New Buddy pairs will be formed in October 2017 for 2017-2018.

## SUZUKI PROGRAM INFORMATION

### Where can I find information about the Suzuki Department Online?

[www.macphail.org/for-youth/suzuki-talent-education/](http://www.macphail.org/for-youth/suzuki-talent-education/)

Suzuki Department Calendar of Events

Group Class Calendars and Updates:  
Guitar, Harp, Cello, Viola, Violin and Piano  
Orchestra and Suzuki Early Childhood Education

Buddy Program Info and Sign-Up

MSA Information

Observation Schedules

## New Parent Class

### New Parent Class

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

Saturdays:

**September 23 (11:00-1:00)**

**September 30**

**October 7**

**October 28**

**November 4**

**November 11**

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

## QUESTIONS?

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

**Guitar Groups:** Jean Seils  
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**Harp Groups:** Emily Gerard or Nikki Lemire  
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[lemire.nikki@macphail.org](mailto:lemire.nikki@macphail.org)

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**General Department Information:**  
Kamini LaRusso, [larusso.kamini@macphail.org](mailto:larusso.kamini@macphail.org)

**Suzuki Program Issues and Concerns:**  
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## 10 PERFORMANCE CLUB

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Have you ever noticed the large glass panels on the 4th floor of MacPhail Minneapolis with students names and pieces on it? You can be on this too by completing the following guidelines with the help of your studio teacher:

- Confirm with your teacher that your piece is polished and ready for performance.
- Perform the same piece 10 times.
- Perform in front of a live audience.
- Perform at a live event.

Your studio teacher will help you decide if the event counts as a performance. To be included on the 2015 board, start setting up performances now! Remember - professionals perform the same piece in several places all over the world. The 10 Performances can be completed in any length of time. We publish names on the panel for those students who have completed 10 Performances by December 31, 2017.