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Suzuki Class Fees and Policies Fall, 2011

Fees/Tuition

Registration fee

A one-time registration fee will apply for the 2011-2012 academic year. This will cover the cost of administration, solo recitals, the group recital and other meetings and activities. The fee will be included on your invoice.

- Retuning Students: **\$20**
- New students: **\$25**

Tuition

Tuition for the Fall 2011 Suzuki session will include 15 weekly lessons and 10 group classes as specified in the Calendar, and is as follows for the session:

- 15-minute lesson: **\$730**
- 30-minute lesson: **\$985**
- 45-minute lesson: **\$1225**
- 60-minute lesson: **\$1480**

Billing

Fees for the Suzuki class will be collected at the beginning of the session, in advance of lessons taught. An installment plan is available. The deadline for payment is **September 15th**, and final payment for installment plans is **October 15th**. After this date, a 5% late fee will be added to the remaining balance. Current non-Suzuki students please note that this is a change from our billing policy for private lessons. **Please note: After October 15th, NO REFUNDS can be issued for tuition fees.**

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Class Times

Please note the change to our venue for Suzuki program. Individual lessons will take place on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays *at Leah's House*. Group classes are required and will meet on specified Thursdays *at the church studio*. A specific Calendar of dates and times will be provided by the instructor at the beginning of the session. Please refer to this schedule for your lesson and class times.

Attendance

Student participation is expected at all scheduled individual lessons and group classes. We cannot offer bill adjustments for missed or cancelled classes for any reason. However, students *who know in advance* that they will miss a lesson may pursue the following options:

- a. Trade lessons with another student using your teacher's complete teaching schedule and phone list. This will be provided at the beginning of the session
- b. Call your teacher *before the lesson* if you do not succeed with the above. The teacher will add your name to a list of students who have missed lessons. When another student cancels a lesson in advance, your teacher may call students from the list to offer a time. There is no guarantee of an opportunity for a make-up lesson.

If your child is sick on the day of the lesson, please notify your instructor as early as possible.

Church Studio

Leah Beshore Naftalin's home studio is located at 8611 Lynbrook Dr. Bethesda, MD 20814. Our church studio is located in the North Bethesda United Methodist Church at 10100 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814. Under the church guidelines, the entrance is locked at all times for the safety of the occupants. However, there will normally be enough traffic in and out for you to be let in by another teacher or student, and you may let other students in. ***Please do not let anyone in without politely asking if they are "with the church."*** It is not up to you to police the entrance; we are simply requested by the church to ask the question. ***Please do not ring the bell.***

Due to the church's policy of keeping the door locked, it may be necessary for your instructor to come up to let you on between lessons if no one else is waiting. Lesson times must allow for setting up and putting away.

During the lesson, family members are welcome in the studio in one of the designated waiting areas or in the restroom. Please do not enter other classrooms or wander around the church. If a sibling is disruptive to the class, the parent may be asked to remove the child.

Holidays and Snow Days

Musical Expressions does not follow all MCPS holidays or snow days. Please be sure to check your class schedule carefully. Please check for snow day cancellations individually by calling your instructor or the office.

Materials

Beginning students are required to purchase one compact disc and two books in advance of their first lesson:

- Suzuki Violin Book One Revised edition with William Preucil recorded cd

This cd will serve as reference for the pieces students will play, and daily listening is necessary for successful development

- *Nurtured by Love* by Shinichi Suzuki
- *To Learn with Love* by William Starr.

These books give a deeper understanding the philosophy behind the Suzuki method. Each of these items can be purchased at most local music stores, and Amazon links to each item can be found on our website, www.musicaexpressions.com/Suzukipage.html.

Practice

Unlike traditional music lessons, the Suzuki method demands a high level of participation by the parent. Parents are expected to attend all lessons, read all materials, and work with the child in daily practice and listening exercises. Musical Expressions does not set guidelines for parent participation outside of lessons, but more participation will yield more progress.