

HASSA Group Class - January 27, 2012

Helpful Websites

online theory and ear training	www.good-ear.com	great theory practice!
just hilarious!	www.igudesmanandjoo.com	best violin humor on the web! Watch the videos!

The Seven Concepts of the Suzuki Philosophy

- Every Child Can Learn**
- Ability Develops Early**
- Environment Nurtures Growth**
- Children Learn From One Another**
- Success Breeds Success**
- Parental Involvement is Critical**
- Encouragement is Essential**

Parents who have smiling faces have children who have smiling faces.

Shinichi Suzuki



What are you doing this summer?

(excerpt from the article *Summer Suzuki Institutes: Planning for a Positive Experience* by Marie Kusters)

Are you thinking about attending a summer Suzuki institute? What a good idea! Here are a few pointers to help make your institute experience a positive one.

What is the purpose of a Suzuki institute?

A Suzuki institute immerses student and family in a rich musical environment for a week. Dr. Suzuki believed that a child needs the right environment in which to strive musically. Motivation does not come by itself from within but is acquired through positive enriching experiences. My son Stéphane, at age 16, was no different from any other teenage boy. He started cello at age four but never liked to practice much. It was part of his routine and he accepted it. Once in high school it became even harder to motivate him to practice, but he would always look forward to the summer months and would ask to attend one or even two Suzuki institutes. During a week at Southwestern Ontario Suzuki Institute, he told me, "You know, Mom, if I could be at a Suzuki institute every week of the year, I would become an amazing cellist!" Practicing at an institute is easy! Everyone is doing it and it is great to be sharing music making with so many other Suzuki students.

Spending a week like this with your child will do so much towards building a strong relationship with him/her in the years to come. It is a great investment of quality time and it will make it easier to practice all year round! You might actually enjoy it! I treasure the memory of those weeks spent with my own children and hope to repeat the experience with my future grandchildren someday!



Don't miss the Houston Youth Symphony Concert, Sunday, Feb. 5, 4:00pm - at Rice University. It's great for kids to see and hear other kids playing in an orchestra!

Next HASSA Group Class: February 24, 2012