

# 59TH ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL

## AND ENSEMBLES CONCERT

APRIL 27, 2025

2:00 P.M.

MERIDIAN BALLROOM, SIUE

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
EDWARDSVILLE



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# SIUE Suzuki Spring Festival 2025

## **Beginning Orchestra of Awesomeness**

**Vera McCoy-Sulentic, Sana Moazzez, conductors**

Scouts March, F. Etling (Sana Moazzez, conductor)

Russian Dance, D. Brubaker (Vera McCoy-Sulentic, conductor)

Spanish Dancer, D. Brubaker (Vera McCoy-Sulentic, conductor)

## **Edwardsville String Ensemble**

**Jennifer Goodman, conductor**

**Alex Mosier, conductor**

Artifacts, K. Griesinger (Alex Mosier, conductor)

King's Court, S.H. Day (Jennifer Goodman, conductor)



## **Edwardsville Youth Orchestra**

**Jun Seo, conductor**

Caribbean Festival, E. Siennicki

Hopak, M. Moussorgsky, arr. M. Isaak

## **Advanced Chamber Ensemble**

**Dan Mieloch, conductor**

Prelude for Orchestra, Op. 25, G. Finzi

Simple Symphony, IV. Frolicsome Finale, B. Britten



## **Little Listeners**

**Mikaila Seo, leader**

Hickory Dickory Dock, Trad.  
We Play and We Stop, Trad.  
One, Two, Tie My Shoe, Trad.

## **PreTwinkle Cellos**

**Stephanie Hunt, leader**

I Love My Cello & Octopus, M.Rowell/C. Diamond  
Ants & Cars, J. Sharp/G.Piek

## **PreTwinkle Violins**

**Allison Woerner, Erika Lord-Castillo, leaders**

Ants, J. Sharp  
Pop Goes the Weasel, Trad.  
Flower Song, M. O'Boyle  
Twinkle Variation A, Suzuki

## **Cello Ensemble**

**Stephanie Hunt, director**

Denmark, Freudman

Chanson Triste, Tchaikovsky arr. Mooney

## **Viola Camerata and Viola Ensemble**

**Mikaila Seo, director**

Theme from String Quartet Op. 76, No. 3, J. Haydn

## **Tour Group**

**Allison Woerner, director**

Csardas, M. McLean

## **Tour Group and Viola Camerata**

Concerto in B minor for Four Violins, Cello and Strings, Op. 3, No.  
10, RV 580, A. Vivaldi

# SIUE Suzuki Spring Festival 2025

## Presentation of Seniors

**Honoring Vicki Lottes - 18 years in the SIUE Suzuki Program**

**Concerto for Two Violins in D Minor, 1st Mvt**, J.S. Bach

(Advanced Ensembles, violin bk 4+, Allison, Mikaila, Stephanie lead)

**Beware the Kitty**, G. Evens

(all bk 3+, Jennifer, Jun, Stephanie lead)

**Scherzo**, C. Webster (bk 3+ cellos, Jun, Stephanie lead)

**Concerto in A minor 1st Mvt**, A. Vivaldi

(bk 4+ violins, Kim leads)

**Gavotte in G Minor**, J.S. Bach (bk 3+ violin/viola, Mosier leads)

**Gavotte**, J.B. Lully (bk 2+ violin, Oscar leads)

**Two Grenadiers**, R. Schumann (bk 2+ cello, Jun leads)

**Perpetual Motion in D**, Suzuki (all, Vera, Stephanie, Jun lead)

**May Song in D**, Folk (all, Sana, Stephanie, Jun lead)

**Lightly Row in D**, Folk (all, Vicki, Stephanie, Jun lead)

**Annie Sweetheart**, Czech Traditional (all)

**Twinkle Mississippi Stop Stop and Theme in D**, S. Suzuki

(all, Erika leads)

## Erika Lord-Castillo, faculty

Erika Lord-Castillo (violin, viola) is the Interim Director of the SIUE Suzuki Program. She has been a faculty teacher in the SIUE Suzuki Program since 2009 and became a Suzuki Violin Teacher Trainer in 2021. Originally from Iowa City, Iowa, Erika earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Violin Performance and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Literature, Sciences and Arts from the University of Iowa. She holds a Master's in Music Education from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and studied Suzuki pedagogy Violin Books 1-10 with Vera McCoy-Sulentich. Erika has also completed Suzuki teacher training with Michelle Higa George, Moshe Neumann, Judy Bossuat, Nancy Jackson, Christie Felsing, William Preucil, Senior, and Alice Joy Lewis. Erika taught in Corvallis, Oregon through Corvallis Youth Symphony's Elementary Strings Program and taught elementary through high school orchestra in the Ferguson-Florissant School District in North St. Louis County. Erika has performed with numerous community orchestras in Iowa and Oregon, with the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra, the Illinois Symphony, and is a regular member of the Edwardsville Community Symphony and the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Orchestra. Erika's violin teachers include Annette-Barbara Vogel, Katie Wolfe, and Lenora Anop. Erika presented her Masters Thesis at the American String Teachers Association national conference in March 2011, and is a regular contributor to the American Suzuki Journal. She is a past director of SIUE's Summer String Camp and of the SIUE Suzuki Viola Camerata, part of the larger SIUE Suzuki Tour Group. Erika received the Suzuki Association Certificate of Achievement Level 1 in the summer of 2015.



## **Linda Bristol, faculty**

Linda Bristol (violin and viola) earned her BME from Lindenwood College and her MME from SIUE. She also is a pianist. In 2012, she retired from teaching orchestra in the Edwardsville School District after 16 years of teaching at the middle school and elementary levels. Before teaching in Edwardsville, Linda taught in Parkway, Hazelwood and several private schools in the area. She studied Suzuki pedagogy with John Kendall and Carol Smith. Linda has been a faculty teacher in the SIUE Suzuki Program since 2002. Linda's three children all went through the Suzuki Program at SIUE. Her daughter, Heather, is a Suzuki teacher in Missoula, Montana.

## **Kim Gindler, faculty**

Kim began studying the violin in the SIUE Suzuki Program when she was four years old and was a member of Mr. Kendall's first tour group to Iceland and Sweden. As a teenager, she was concertmaster of the CASA Young People's Orchestra and the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra. One of her favorite Suzuki memories was attending a camp where Dr. Suzuki lead the final concert! She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from SIUE and obtained additional certificates in Orff and Kodaly music methods. In addition to being a Suzuki teacher, Kim has taught public school orchestra, choir, and general music. Kim's Suzuki violin and cello teachers/ trainers include John Kendall, Carol Smith, Glenda Piek, Tanya Carey, Ronda Cole, Tom Wermuth, Cathy Lee, Joseph Kaminsky, Winifred Crock, Nancy Jackson, Andrea Yun, Shu-Yi Scott, Erika Lord Castillo, and Carey Beth Hockett. Both of Kim's children were Suzuki students and she now lives with her husband, Randy, on a small farm outside of Troy, IL.



## Jennifer Goodman, faculty

Jennifer Goodman (violin and viola) began playing violin at the age of 8 in the after-school program in the Ritenour School District. She holds a BA from Lindenwood University and a Masters in Music in Viola Performance, with an emphasis in Suzuki Violin Pedagogy, from SIUE. She is registered in Suzuki violin books 1 – 8 with Vera McCoy Sulentic and Suzuki in the Schools level 1 with Winfred Crock. She studied viola with Leonid Gotman (SLSO) and Dr. Lenora Anop (SIUE).

Ms. Jennifer is an active freelancer on viola and violin in the St. Louis metropolitan area. She is a member of Bach Society of St. Louis, the Metropolitan Orchestra of St. Louis, Gateway Festival Orchestra, and the Edwardsville Community Symphony. She has also performed with the Kingsbury Ensemble, the MUNY Orchestra, the American Kantorei, the Fox Theatre Orchestra, and Masterworks Chorale. She has held principal viola seats at St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra, Washington University Orchestra, and Maryville University Orchestra.

Currently, Ms. Jennifer is Director of Orchestras for Christian School District in O'Fallon, MO, with ensembles in grades 3 through 12. She is also on the violin and viola faculty for Community Music School at Webster University.



## Stephanie Hunt, faculty

Stephanie Hunt (cello) An active and versatile musician, Stephanie Hunt performs on both modern and baroque cello. Her current activities include performances with the Perseid String Quartet and Early Music Missouri. Stephanie has participated in numerous international music festivals, including the Nederlandse Orkest- en Ensemble-Academie, Royaumont Formations Professionnelles (France), the Britten-Pears Young Artist Programme, and two summers as a Tanglewood Music Center Fellow. Her studies on modern cello led to a bachelor's from the University of Miami's Frost School of Music and a master's from Rice University's Shepherd School of Music. Following her American studies, Stephanie moved to Europe and earned a master's in baroque cello from the Utrecht Conservatory in the Netherlands. Her cello teachers include Viola de Hoog, Norman Fischer, Hans Jørgen Jensen, Ross Harbaugh, and Monique Bartels. She also has an MBA from SIUE and a Master's in Data Science from Eastern University.

Stephanie teaches cello in the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Suzuki program and maintains a private studio in St. Louis. Her students have participated in youth orchestras, all-suburban, all-district, and all-state festivals. She received the Suzuki Association Certificate of Achievement in 2023 and became a Suzuki Cello Teacher Trainer in 2024.

## Vicki Lottes, faculty

Vicki Lottes (violin, viola) grew up in a Cincinnati musical family with 12 children and she graduated from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (BME) and Indiana University (M.M. studying with Josef Gingold). For 32 years, Vicki taught orchestra and string classes in Massachusetts and Missouri public schools, most recently 20 years with the Parkway School District (St. Louis County) in high school, middle school, and elementary school. She helped Parkway grow their Suzuki program for all third grade students in 18 schools. Vicki trained with John Kendall and Vera McCoy-Sulentich at SIUE. She is a member of the SAA and taught Suzuki violin and viola students at her home studio in West St. Louis County for 6 years. Vicki has taught private lessons at SIUE since 2007, and co-directed the SIUE Summer String Camp for eight years. Vicki is the mother of two boys who studied Suzuki violin and cello.



## Vera McCoy-Sulentic, faculty

Vera McCoy-Sulentic (violin) retired as Director of the Suzuki Program at SIUE in 2022 and is continuing as a faculty teacher and guest clinician at workshops and summer institutes. She has been a registered teacher trainer for the Suzuki Association of the Americas since 1991 where her teaching has taken her to Canada, Bermuda, Sweden, Taiwan, Brazil, Ecuador, and Guatemala.

She was the recipient of SIUE's Excellence in Teaching award in 1996 and has 10 years of string teaching experience in the public schools of Edwardsville, Ill., and Eugene, Oregon.

In 1988, Vera earned a Masters in Music Education from SIUE which included long term teacher training with John Kendall. Other Suzuki training has been with Mihoko Hirata, Yuko Mori, Evelyn Hermann, and Doris Pruecil. Academic degrees include a B.M. in Music Education from the University of Oregon and a B.A. in French from the University of Iowa.

## Jun Seo, faculty

Dr. Jun Seo (cello, orchestra) started playing cello at age 13 and he soon attended Seoul Arts High School where he won the 1st prize from the Seoul Young Artist Chamber Music Competition. During his high school years, he came to the United States to study abroad and attended the Walnut Hill School in Natick, MA. He received the 2nd prize from Newton Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Concerto Competition, Elizabeth Harper Vaughn Concerto Competition, the International Chamber Music Society in Boston and the Sorantin International String Competition. He received a 1st prize from Mid-Texas Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition, Colorado College Summer Music Festival Concerto Competition and UT Butler School of Music String Competition. He has also received Best Instrumentalist award from Sidney Wright Competition and two honorable mention awards from Sidney Wright Competition, Coeur d'Alene Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition. He has soloed with numerous orchestras. Dr. Seo was an adjudicator for numerous competitions. He received a Bachelor of Music Degree from the New England Conservatory School of Music in Boston in 2009. He received a Master's of Music Degree and a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Music Performance from the University of Texas at Austin studying under Professor Bion Tsang. At the same time, he was a teaching assistant for Professor Tsang and a faculty member at the UT-String Project for three years. Recently, Dr. Seo recorded the cello part for "Learning Together: Sequential Repertoire for Solo Strings or String Ensemble Volume 2 by Laurie Scott, Winfred Crock and William Dick". He has maintained a full private studio since 2007. Dr. Seo is also currently on the cello faculty at Washington University in St. Louis and Webster University Community Music School.



## Mikaila Seo, faculty

Mikaila Seo (viola, violin) received her Master of Music Performance degree in 2012 from Roosevelt University in Chicago, after earning her Bachelor of Music Performance degree from Boston Conservatory in 2009. She has studied with Lawrence Neuman, Sally Chisholm, and Rictor Noren. Mikaila has completed Suzuki violin teacher training with Dr. Laurie Scott, Nancy Lokken, Nancy Jackson, Ann Montzka-Smelser, Alice Joy Lewis, and Terry Durbin, Suzuki viola teacher training with William Preucil, Sr, and Suzuki Early Childhood Education training with Sharon Jones and Danette Warren Schuh. In the summer, Mikaila directs the SIUE String Development Camp. Prior to teaching in Edwardsville, Mikaila lived in Austin, Texas, and studied Suzuki Pedagogy with Dr. Laurie Scott. During her time in Austin, she served as the Assistant Director of the String Project at the University of Texas at Austin, was a violin and viola instructor at Southwestern University, maintained a full private studio, Seo String Studio, alongside her husband Jun, a cellist, and served as the Director of the Young Artist Division at Texas Strings Camp. In addition to teaching and performing, Mikaila enjoys cooking, reading, playing with her daughters Stella and Rosalie, and taking her dog, Lulu, on long walks.

## Allison Huebner-Woerner, faculty

Allison Huebner-Woerner (violin, viola) joined the faculty of the String Development Program at SIUE in 1994. She holds degrees from University of Missouri-Columbia and SIUE in Music Performance and Music Education. Allison served as Graduate Assistant to John Kendall and completed Long-Term Suzuki Training during her Master's Degree, and then as Doctoral Assistant to John McLeod at UMC. In addition to Directing the SIUE Tour Group since 2001, she maintains a private studio at SIUE, and has served as a Board Member for the St. Charles Youth Orchestras, as well as Director of the SIUE Advanced Chamber Ensemble, The Edwardsville Youth Orchestra, and is founder and Director of the Ballwin String Studio. Allison has served as concertmaster and soloist for several community orchestras and has been a frequent contributor to the American Suzuki Journal, and presenter at the National Suzuki Conference.

## **Daniel Mieloch, ACE Conductor**

Daniel Mieloch earned his master's degree in conducting at SIUE in 2005 after attaining his bachelor's degrees in music education and violin performance from Lebanon Valley College. He has been honored to work with the SIUE Suzuki Department since the spring of 2010, first as the conductor of the Edwardsville Youth Orchestra, and more recently as the director of the Advanced Chamber Ensemble. Daniel lives in O'Fallon, MO, and is the director of orchestras at Fort Zumwalt West High School.

## **Sharon Voss, accompanist**

Sharon Voss grew up in Singapore where her father indulged her love of music by accompanying her to many concerts and arranging for piano lessons. She later earned an undergraduate degree in music from Oberlin Conservatory of Music and a graduate degree in music from Northwestern University. After graduation, she taught general music at Old St. Patrick's School in Chicago and at Holy Family School in Granite City.

Sharon settled in Glen Carbon with her husband, Eric, and her sons, Tristan and Elliot. Both boys participated in the SIUE Suzuki String Program for 21 years. During that time, she volunteered as an accompanist for the Edwardsville String Ensemble, which eventually led to her current role as accompanist for the Suzuki program.

In addition to her role as a piano collaborator, Sharon also maintains a private piano studio at home, teaches in the SIUE keyboard program, accompanies District 7 students during Solo and Ensemble Contests, holds a temporary part time role in the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra library, free lances for Gemma New (a conductor from New Zealand), and is a newly installed Deacon at First Presbyterian Church Edwardsville.

## **Oscar Gonzalez, Graduate Student**

Oscar began his musical training when he was 8 years old in "El Sistema de Orquestas y Coros Juveniles e Infantiles de Venezuela," where, at the age of 18, he took on the role of violin instructor, leading sectional rehearsals for string instruments and full orchestra rehearsals. While living in Bucaramanga, Colombia, he worked as a violin and guitar teacher at the Fundación Cultural "La Cuerda" for two years and served as a workshop leader at the 19th String Instrument Festival organized by the Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga (UNAB) in 2024.

As a violinist, he has participated in various festivals, including the Cartagena International Music Festival. Since 2017, he was a member of the UNAB Symphony Orchestra, where he performed until 2024, when he began his master's degree in Music Performance with an emphasis on the Suzuki Method at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE). Additionally, he is the founder of a violin academy and the Santander Violin Competition.

## Sana Moazzez, Graduate Student

Sana is a violinist and educator. She began her violin lessons at the age of seven with Master Marjan Ghanbari Mehr and continued her academic music training at the Tehran Girls Music Conservatory. Sana earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Violin Performance from Tehran University of Art and holds a Master of Music (M.M.) in Violin Performance from the same institution, where she studied under esteemed instructors such as Setareh Beheshti, Iman Fakhr, Azin Movahed, and Mohammad Reza Tafazzoli.

In 2024, Sana was awarded a scholarship to move to the United States, where she is currently studying Suzuki Pedagogy with Erika Lord-Castillo. With over ten years of teaching experience, Sana is an active performer and music educator, working with musicians of all ages and skill levels.

Throughout her career, she has collaborated with various orchestras and ensembles, participating in numerous concerts across Iran. She is also a recipient of awards from the National Youth Music Festival and the Fajr Festival.





## Alex Mosier, Undergraduate Student

Alex Mosier is an artist at heart and a dedicated musician. They are from Houston, TX originally and have been playing violin since they were six years old. They attended Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Houston ISD, graduating with an arts certification in 2021. Currently, they are a senior at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville studying violin performance under Dr. Lenora-Marya Anop and Suzuki Pedagogy with Erika Lord-Castillo. They are currently concertmaster of SIUE's University Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Michael Mishra and have served as assistant concertmaster for two years previously. In the summer of 2023, they served as an alumni intern for American Festival for the Arts located in Houston. Outside of their studies, Alex taught a group class for 4th grade string students in Webster Groves SD during the 2023-2024 school year, and they have several private students. They also joined the Edwardsville Symphony for their 2024 season. In their free time, they enjoy roller skating, tie dyeing, cooking, and playing with their cat, Snowball.





# **Performances and Community Involvement 2024–2025**

**Goshen Market**

**Performance at Meridian Village**

**String Development Camp**

**Cello Camp**

**Tour Group Boot Camp**

**Advanced Ensembles and Suzuki students at Edwardsville Art Fair**

**Chamber Experience**

**Winter Ensembles Concert**

**Graduation and Honors Recital**

**Concerto Competition**

**Tour Group Performance at Culver's**

**Tour Group Performance at intermission of The Nutcracker at–**

**Touhill Concert Hall**

**Tour Group at Town and Country Symphony**

**Spring Ensembles & Festival Concert**

**SIUE Suzuki Workshop**

# **Beginners**

## **2024–2025**

### **Cello**

**Zoe Zozula**

### **Violin**

**Lucy Autenrieb**

**Yuna Barker**

**Eliya Betts**

**Jonah Birk**

**Clara Cortright**

**Viraj Dave**

**Gary Elmore**

**Scarlett Fleming**

**Ellis Frattura**

**Anna Heller**

**Logan Kvindlog**

**Elodie Loechl**

**Reagan Martin**

**Matteo Piazza**

**Mikayla Schaeffel**

**Aiden St. Louis**

**Eliza St. Louis**

**Wally Stegman**

**Leah Stevenson**

**Lewis Taylor**

**Eli Tucker**

**Youning Yuan**

**Families who Grew Up in the  
program and have Kids in the  
program:**

**Johnson Family (Mara and William)**

**Sarah Patsaros (Ellie)**

*Where love is deep, much can be accomplished*

*-Shinichi Suzuki*

# **Families who have been in the SIUE Suzuki Program for More than 10 Years:**

**Chen Family — 14 years**

**Eardley Family—12 years**

**Foster Family—14 years**

**Frohnert Family—12 years**

**Hagaman Family — 12 years**

**Johnson Family (Clara) — 14 years**

**Kaufman Family — 13 years**

**Kays Family—12 years**

**Moody Family — 12 years**

**Monahan Family—12 years**

**Moseley Family — 13 years**

**Ting/Brannan Family — 11 years**

**VanMiddendorp Family— 16 years**

**Wang Family — 11 years**

**Wright Family — 13 years**

## Suzuki

### \*Seniors

**Mason Allen**  
**Charlotte Apple**  
**Cora Armstrong**  
**Lucy Autenrieb**  
**Abdullah Bahrainwala**  
**Jumana Bahrainwala\***  
**Yuna Barker**  
**Harrison Birk**  
**Dax Birk**  
**Jonah Birk**  
**Karis Chen\***  
**Alan Chen**  
**Aike Chen**  
**Runqian Alex Chen**  
**Runmo Boris Chen**  
**Eleanor Connell**  
**Ana Cortright**  
**Lydia Cortright**

**Clara Cortright**  
**Isabelle Dalla Riva**  
**Viraj Dave**  
**Ryan Dissett**  
**Ethan Dissett**  
**Vylaisri Dombrowski**  
**Raevadee Dombrowski**  
**Elizabeth Eardley**  
**Elijah Eardley**  
**Emery Eardley**  
**Becky Eardley**  
**Emeline Edelson**  
**Gary Elmore**  
**George Fleming**  
**Scarlett Fleming**  
**Charlotte Flowers**  
**Teresa Foppe**

**Jacob Foster**  
**Timmy Foster**  
**Nathan Foster**  
**Luke Foster\***  
**Olivia Frailey**  
**Mary Frattura**  
**Ellis Frattura**  
**Lucas Frohnert**  
**Nicolette Frohnert**  
**Owen Garrison**  
**Miles Garrison**  
**Emanuel Gomez**  
**Josie Hagaman**  
**Grant Hagaman**  
**Lorelai Heckelman**  
**Isaac Heller**  
**Carly Heller**

**Anna Heller**  
**Hunter Hodges**  
**Luke Hodges**  
**Ella Mae Hodges**  
**Bennett Hunt**  
**Ellory Hunt**  
**Alena Jackson**  
**Eliya Jackson**  
**Clara Johnson**  
**Mara Johnson**  
**William Johnson**  
**Lillie Kaufman**  
**Jenna Kaufman**  
**Zoe Kaufmann**  
**Kevin Kays**  
**Aleyna Kays**  
**Lily Kim**  
**Jacob Kim**  
**Joshua Kim**  
**Julia Kim**

**Joseph Kim**  
**Lauren Klaas**  
**Harper Kurtz**  
**McKenzie Kvindlog**  
**Logan Kvindlog**  
**Abby Leatherman**  
**Mia Leatherman**  
**Andrew Leatherman**  
**Eva Lee**  
**Eileen Lee**  
**Everett Limbach**  
**Estelle Limbach**  
**Calvin Limbach**  
**Geneva Limbach**  
**Iris Lin**  
**Addie Lingafelter\***  
**Elodie Loechl**  
**Avery Luchtefeld**  
**Sydney Lutz**  
**Cordelia Martin**

**Reagan Martin**  
**Charlie Monaco**  
**Otto Monaco**  
**Nicholas Monahan\***  
**Emily Moody\***  
**Elliana Moody**  
**Caroline Moody**  
**Maggie Moseley\***  
**Kaitlyn Nelson**  
**Derek Nunes**  
**Kiera Nunes**  
**Ellie Patsaros**  
**Allegra Piazza**  
**Luca Piazza**  
**Matteo Piazza**  
**Elisabeth Preston**  
**Rachel Probasco**  
**Raahi Ray**  
**Eleanor Rigdon**  
**Noah Rigdon**

**Levi Robinson**  
**Jace Rodgers**  
**Nova Rodgers**  
**Veer Sangani**  
**Mikayla Schaeffel**  
**Stella Seo**  
**Adriana Settembre**  
**Cora Simmons**  
**Ella Simon**  
**Ryder Sink\***  
**Anabelle Smith**  
**Eliza St. Louis**  
**Aiden St. Louis**  
**Gus Stegman**  
**Fred Stegman**  
**Wally Stegman**  
**Sasha Steinheimer**  
**Leah Stevenson**  
**Maya Taylor\***  
**Lewis Taylor**

**Jonah Tinge**  
**Jonathan Tucker**  
**Nolan Tucker**  
**Bennett Tucker**  
**Micah Tucker**  
**Eli Tucker**  
**Sophie VanMiddendorp\***  
**Lillian Vittetoe**  
**Natania Wadhams**  
**Hosanna Wadhams**  
**William Wang**  
**Lydia Weedon**  
**Henry Weedon**  
**Oliver Weedon**  
**Wren Withee**  
**Josie Wright**  
**Kate Wrigley**  
**Sarah Young**  
**Youning Yuan**  
**Amelia Zhang**

**Jeffrey Zhang**  
**Caroline Zhao**  
**Alisa Zhao**  
**Zoe Zozula**  
**Max Zvolensky**

## **Little Listeners**

**Maevyn Bossart**

**Cora Johnson**

**Matilda Page**

**Rosalie Seo**

**Dyna Weaver**

## **Community Strings**

**Christian Bristol**

**Lacey Rodgers**

**Vesa Selimi**





## **SENIORS GRADUATING FROM OUR PROGRAM**

**Congratulations to all of our seniors and best wishes for the future!**

**Jumana Bahrainwala**

**Karis Chen**

**Luke Foster**

**Kevin Kays**

**Addie Lingafelter**

**Nicholas Monahan**

**Emily Moody**

**Maggie Moseley**

**Ryder Sink**

**Maya Taylor**

**Sophie VanMiddendorp**

**"The main concern for parents should be to bring up their children as noble human beings. That is sufficient. If this is not their greatest hope, in the end the child may take a road contrary to their expectations. Children can play very well. We must try to make them splendid in mind and heart also."**

**—Shinichi Suzuki**

# **John and Kay Kendall Concerto Competition Winners**

## **Intermediate Division**

**1st Place: Clara Johnson**

**2nd Place: Alisa Zhao**

**3rd Place: Allegra Piazza**

## **Advanced Division**

**1st Place: Katelyn Foppe**

**2nd Place: Jonathan Tucker**

**3rd Place: William Wang**

**Honorable Mention: Karis Chen**

# **John and Kay Kendall Concerto**

## **Competition Participants**

### **Intermediate/Comments Only Division Participants**

**Bennett Hunt**

**Lisa Johnson**

**Everett Limbach**

**Kaitlyn Nelson**

**Allegra Piazza**

**Alisa Zhao**

## **Advanced Division Participants**

**Jumana Bahrainwala**

**Alan Chen**

**Karis Chen**

**Kaitlyn Foppe**

**Jacob Kim**

**Abby Leatherman**

**Estelle Limbach**

**Nicholas Monahan**

**Maggie Moseley**

**Finnley Stevenson**

**Jonah Tinge**

**Jonathan Tucker**

**Sophie VanMiddendorp**

**William Wang**

**Caroline Zhao**

**Max Zvolensky**

**Congratulations to our many students who are:**

- **Members of their local school orchestra programs**
- **Members of Illinois or Missouri All District Orchestra**
- **Participated in Solo and Ensemble competition**
- **Members of All-State Orchestra in Illinois or Missouri**
- **Participate in Honors Ensembles and Orchestras**
- **Play in Community Orchestras**

**Our students receive numerous scholarships and honors, and we are proud of everyone!**

# All-District Junior Orchestra

**Abdullah Bahrainwalla**

**Rae Dombrowski**

**Olivia Frailey**

**Teresa Foppe**

**Hunter Hodges**

**Clara Johnson**

**Joshua Kim**

**Eva Lee**

**Charlie Monaco**

**Caroline Moody**

**Jace Rodgers**

**Jeffrey Zhang**

**Caroline Zhao**



# All-District Senior Orchestra



**Jumana Bahrainwala**

**Alan Chen**

**Karis Chen**

**Ryan Dissett**

**Vylaisri Dombrowski**

**Kaitlyn Foppe**

**Zoe Kaufmann**

**Jacob Kim**

**Lauren Klaas**

**Harper Kurtz**

**Abby Leatherman**

**Estelle Limbach**

**Addie Lingafelter**

**Nicholas Monahan**

**Elliana Moody**

**Emily Moody**

**Kaitlyn Nelson**

**Rachel Probasco**

**Finnley Stevenson**

**Maya Taylor**

**Jonah Tinge**

**Sophie VanMiddendorp**

**Josie Wright**

**Amelia Zhang**



## **All-State Orchestra**

**Alan Chen**

**Karis Chen**

**Ryan Dissett**

**Kaitlyn Foppe**

**Abby Leatherman**

**Estelle Limbach**

**Addie Lingafelter**

**Nicholas Monahan**

**Maya Taylor**

**Sophie VanMiddendorp**

**Josie Wright**

**Amelia Zhang**



## Solo and Ensemble

**Abdullah Bahrainwala**

**Jumana Bahrainwala**

**Aike Chen**

**Alan Chen**

**Karis Chen**

**Izzy Dalla Riva**

**Lizzy Eardley**

**Theresa Foppe**

**Olivia Frailey**

**Josie Hagaman**

**Clara Johnson**

**Eva Lee**

**Addie Lingafelter**

**Iris Liu**

**Otto Monaco**

**Nicholas Monahan**

**Kaitlyn Nelson**

**Allegra Piazza**

**Elisabeth Preston**

**Jace Rodgers**

**Ryder Sink**

**Fred Stegman**

**Gus Stegman**

**Maya Taylor**

**William Wang**

**Henry Weedon**

**Lydia Weedon**

**Josie Wright**

**Amelia Zhang**

**Alisa Zhao**

**Caroline Zhao**

**Graduation from any Suzuki Book for the SIUE Suzuki Program means that students have not only played all the pieces in the book and perfected them, but that they have recorded them and those recordings have been approved by their teacher. They must perform the last piece in the book on a graduation recital to receive a certificate of graduation.**

**Violin Twinkles**

**Raahi Ray**

**Boris Chen**

**Alex Chen**

**Julia Kim**

**Charlotte Flowers**

**Harrison Birk**

**Miles Garrison**

**Violin Minuets**

**Teresa Foppe**

**Izzy Dalla Riva**

**Julia Kim**

**Luke Hodges**

**Avery Luchtefeld**

**Owen Garrison**

**Violin Book One**

**Teresa Foppe**

**Julia Kim**

**Lydia Weedon**

**Ana Cortright**

## **Violin Book Two**

**Luca Piazza**

**Jace Rodgers**

**Eleanor Rigdon**

**Eva Lee**

**Lydia Weedon**

**Sarah Young**

**Sasha Steinheimer**

**Veer Sangani**

**Ana Cortright**

**Aike Chen**

## **Violin Book Three**

**Alisa Zhao**

## **Violin Book Four**

**Alisa Zhao**

## **Violin Book Five**

**Caroline Zhao**

**William Wang**

**Max Zvolensky**

## **Violin Book Six**

**William Wang**

## **Viola Twinkles**

**Carly Heller**

**Henry Weedon**

**Hunter Hodges**

## **Viola Minuets**

**Henry Weedon**

**Hunter Hodges**

## **Viola Book 1**

**Hunter Hodges**

**Henry Weedon**

## **Viola Book Two**

**Rae Dombrowski**

## **Cello Twinkles**

**Levi Robinson**

**Eileen Lee**

**Joseph Kim**

**Lydia Cortright**

**Mia Leatherman**

**Oliver Weedon**

**Stella Seo**

**Wren Withee**

## **Cello Rigadoon**

**Joseph Kim**

**Mia Leatherman**

**Oliver Weedon**

**Stella Seo**

## **Cello Book 1**

**Mia Leatherman**

## **Cello Book 2**

**Mia Leatherman**

## **Cello Book 3**

**Mia Leatherman**

## **Honors Performers**

**Jonathan Tucker, William Wang**

# Practice Challenge Completers

**Practiced 100 Days or More in a Row**

**\*Practiced 200 Days!**

**Abby Leatherman**

**Aike Chen\***

**Alan Chen\***

**Alisa Zhao\***

**Ana Cortright**

**Andrew Leatherman**

**Becky Eardley**

**Bennett\***

**Carly Heller\***

**Caroline Zhao\***

**Christian Bristol\***

**Clara Johnson**

**Cora Armstrong\***

**Dino Walter Stegman**

**Eleanor Connell**

**Eleanor Rigdon\***

**Elisabeth Preston\***

**Ella Mae Hodges**

**Ella Simon\***

**Ellie Patsaros\***

**Ellory\***

**Ely Eardley**

**Emery Eardley**

**Eva Lee**

**Fred Stegman**

**Gary Elmore\***

**Grant Hagaman**

**Gus Stegman**

**Henry Weedon\***

**Hunter Hodges\***

**Isaac Heller\***

**Jace Rodgers**

**Josie Hagaman**

**Kaitlyn Nelson**

**Karis Chen\***

**Lizzy Eardley**

**Luke Hodges**

**Lydia Cortright**

**Lydia Weedon\***

**Miles Garrison\***

**Nathan Foster\***

**Nicholas Monahan\***

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Noah Rigdon  
Nova Rodgers\*  
Oliver Weedon  
Owen Garrison\*  
Raahi Ray\*

Sasha Steinheimer

Stella Seo  
Timothy Foster\*  
William Wang\*  
Zoe Kaufmann

Winning T-shirt design by Karis Chen



**SIUE Suzuki Chamber Experience is an afternoon of chamber  
music rehearsals, coachings, and an informal concert for  
students in books 2 and above.**

**January 11th, 2025**

**Tango by Albéniz**

**Jonah Tinge part 1**

**Caroline Zhao part 2**

**Abby Leatherman part 3**

**Oscar Gonzalez, coach**

**Calypso and Berceuse by Martin**

**Hunter Hodges viola line 1**

**Rae Dombrowski viola line 2**

**Mia Leatherman cello line 3**

**Kim Gindler, coach**

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## **Serenade by Sammartini**

**Alisa Zhao line 1**  
**Lydia Weedon line 2**  
**Sarah Young line 3**  
**Jace Rodgers line 4**  
**Sana Moazzez, coach**

## **Fable by Clark**

**Bennett Hunt violin line 1**  
**Luke Hodges violin line 1**  
**Eleanor Rigdon violin line 2**  
**Jenna Kaufman violin line 2**  
**Henry Weedon viola line 3**  
**Jennifer Goodman, coach**

## **Hungarian Dance No. 5 by Brahms**

**Clara Johnson violin line 1**  
**Lillie Kaufman violin line 2**  
**Jeffrey Zhang cello line 3**  
**Vera McCoy-Sulentic, coach**



# Tour Group

2024–2025

Allison Woerner,

Director

## Level 1

Clara Johnson

Zoe Kaufmann

Kevin Kays

Joshua Kim

Harper Kurtz

Everett Limbach

Addie Lingafelter

Charlie Monaco

Elliana Moody

Kaitlyn Nelson

Rachel Probasco

Nolan Tucker

Natania Wadhams

Hosanna Wadhams

Kate Wrigley

Caroline Zhao

Alisa Zhao

## Level 2

Jumana Bahrainwala

Karis Chen

Alan Chen

Jacob Foster

Jacob Kim

Abby Leatherman

Nicholas Monahan

Emily Moody

Maggie Moseley

Ryder Sink

Jonah Tinge

Jonathan Tucker

Sophie VanMiddendorp

William Wang

Josie Wright

Max Zvolensky

# **Viola Camerata & Ensemble**

**2024–2025**

**Mikaila Seo, Director**

## **Viola Camerata**

**Ryan Dissett**

**Hunter Hodges**

**Lauren Klaas**

**Abby Leatherman**

**Estelle Limbach**

**Nicholas Monahan**

**Maya Taylor**

**Amelia Zhang**

## **Viola Ensemble**

**Raevadee Dombrowski**

**Cello Ensemble**  
**2023–2024**  
**Stephanie Hunt, Director**

**Ely Eardley**  
**Lizzy Eardley**  
**Luke Foster**  
**Mia Leatherman**  
**Steven Slaby, adult helper**

**First Steps to  
Orchestra  
2024–2025**

**Kim Gindler, Director**

**Yuna Barker**

**Dax Birk**

**Eleanor Connell**

**Lydia Cortright**

**Becky Eardley**

**George Fleming**

**Nathan Foster**

**Mary Frattura**

**Miles Garrison**

**Carly Heller**

**Alena Jackson**

**Mara Johnson**

**William Johnson**

**Lily Kim**

**McKenzie Kvindlog**

**Eileen Lee**

**Cordelia Martin**

**Raahi Ray**

**Mikayla Schaeffel**

**Stella Seo**

**Adriana Settembre**

**Cora Simmons**

**Eliza St. Louis**

**Aiden St. Louis**

**Oliver Weedon**

**Wren Withee**

# **Beginning Orchestra**

**2024–2025**

**Vera McCoy–Sulentic, Director**

**Charlotte Apple**

**Harrison Birk**

**Eleanor Connell**

**Emeline Edelson**

**Charlotte Flowers**

**Lorelai Heckelman**

**Isaac Heller**

**Ellory Hunt**

**Jenna Kaufman**

**Joseph Kim**

**Ellie Patsaros**

**Levi Robinson**

**Anabelle Smith**

## Edwardsville String Ensemble

2024–2025

Jennifer Goodman, Director

**Cora Armstrong**

**Lucy Autenrieb**

**Aike Chen**

**Runqian Alex Chen**

**Runmo Boris Chen**

**Ana Cortright**

**Isabelle Dalla Riva**

**Emery Eardley**

**Owen Garrison**

**Grant Hagaman**

**Luke Hodges**

**Aleyna Kays**

**Julia Kim**

**Geneva Limbach**

**Avery Luchtefeld**

**Sydney Lutz**

**Otto Monaco**

**Derek Nunes**

**Kiera Nunes**

**Luca Piazza**

**Eleanor Rigdon**

**Nova Rodgers**

**Veer Sangani**

**Ella Simon**

**Gus Stegman**

**Fred Stegman**

**Sasha Steinheimer**

**Bennett Tucker**

**Lydia Weedon**

**Henry Weedon**

**Sarah Young**

**Jeffrey Zhang**

**Edwardsville Youth  
Orchestra  
2024–2025**

**Jun Seo, Director**

**Abdullah Bahrainwala  
Vylaisri Dombrowski  
Raevadee Dombrowski**

**Elijah Eardley  
Teresa Foppe  
Olivia Frailey  
Josie Hagaman  
Hunter Hodges  
Bennett Hunt  
Lillie Kaufman  
Zoe Kaufmann**

**Kevin Kays  
Joshua Kim  
Mia Leatherman  
Eva Lee**

**Everett Limbach  
Calvin Limbach  
Iris Lin  
Charlie Monaco  
Caroline Moody  
Kaitlyn Nelson  
Elisabeth Preston  
Rachel Probasco  
Jace Rodgers  
Nolan Tucker  
Micah Tucker  
Lillian Vittetoe  
William Wang  
Kate Wrigley  
Caroline Zhao  
Alisa Zhao  
Max Zvolensky**

**Advanced Chamber  
Orchestra  
2024–2025**

**Daniel Mieloch, Director**

**Jumana Bahrainwala**

**Karis Chen**

**Alan Chen**

**Ryan Dissett**

**Ethan Dissett**

**Elizabeth Eardley**

**Jacob Foster**

**Luke Foster**

**Clara Johnson**

**Jacob Kim**

**Lauren Klaas**

**Harper Kurtz**

**Abby Leatherman**

**Estelle Limbach**

**Addie Lingafelter**

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**Elliana Moody**

**Maggie Moseley**

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**Jonah Tinge**

**Jonathan Tucker**

**Sophie VanMiddendorp**

**Natania Wadhams**

**Hosanna Wadhams**

**Josie Wright**

**Amelia Zhang**



# Upcoming Events

**Summer Lessons start Soon! – Check with your teacher or email the Suzuki Office at [suzukiprogram@siue.edu](mailto:suzukiprogram@siue.edu)**

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## **Summer PreTwinkle Violin and Book 1 Group Classes!**

**Taught by Sana and Oscar**

**Both are offered on the following Wednesdays.**



**5/14**

**5/28**

**6/11**

**7/2**

**7/16**

**8/6**

**Violin PreTwinkle 6:00–6:45**

**Violin/Viola Book 1 6:45–7:30**

**Choose a minimum of 4 dates and pay \$10 per class. When you register, you'll first choose how many classes to attend and then list the dates you will attend as you check out.**

**[REGISTER HERE!](#)**

# Upcoming Events

## Summer Camps:

**SIUE Summer String Development Camp: July 7–11**

**Cello Camp: July 7–11**

**August 1–15, 2025– Registration for 2025–2026**

**\*\*\*We will email about 2025–2026 Registration  
as soon as all dates are  
finalized!\*\*\***

# String Development Camp



A day at camp includes...

- Orchestra
- Chamber Music
- Private lessons for all
- Daily recitals
- Performance Zone

**SIUE**  
**String**  
**Development**  
**Camp**

It's not just music! Past camps have included...

- Bowling
- Scavenger Hunt in SIUE Gardens
- Basketball and Volleyball at Student Fitness Center
- Board Games
- Video Game Music
- Shirt decorating

**Violin, Viola, & Cello students reading at Suzuki book 2 level and above; Suzuki study NOT required**

**July 7-11, 8:30-4:30 PM daily**

**Location :**  
Southern Illinois University  
Edwardsville, Dunham Hall

**More Information :**  
Email:  
kiasbec@siue.edu



To register visit this link or follow the QR code above: <https://www.enrole.com/siue/jsp/session.jsp?sessionId=KPU25-SSDC-01E&courseId=SSDC&categoryId=6684C240>

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# Cello Camp 2025

July 7–11

5:00–8:00pm

Dunham Hall

For students in book 4+

Register on Airtable at:

<https://airtable.com/app7CJ9njFfrlDZFs/shrTRjvDD2rvfY0Mk>

or email Stephanie Hunt at [stehunt@siue.edu](mailto:stehunt@siue.edu)



# Little Listeners

## CALLING ALL 0-4 YEAR OLDS!

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"LITTLE LISTENERS"

*A part of our normal Saturday class curriculum!*

**Suzuki Early Childhood Education (SECE)** is a music and movement class for children ages 0-4. Children build musical skills used in Pre-Twinkle and beyond! It's never too early to start!



Want more info?

Contact SIUE Suzuki Strings Program: [suzukiprogram@siue.edu](mailto:suzukiprogram@siue.edu) 618-650-2839

*See you in Fall 2025 at our first Saturday class of the semester!*



# Fun Facts



**Number of students in program: 169**

**Number of students in Tour Group: 35**

**Number of students in Cello Ensemble: 5**

**Number of students in Viola Camerata and Ensemble: 7**

**Concerto Competition Participants: 29**

**Practice Challenge Participants: 62**

**Chamber Experience Participants: 18**

**Events in year 2024–2025: 16**

**Students Graduated from Suzuki Books this year: 40**

**Number of Beginners: 22**

**Number of Faculty Teachers: 10**

**Number of Grad and Undergrad Assistants: 3**

**Number of Seniors: 10**

**Number of Saturday Classes and Concerts: 25**

# How do I find out more?

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR  
MORE INFO!

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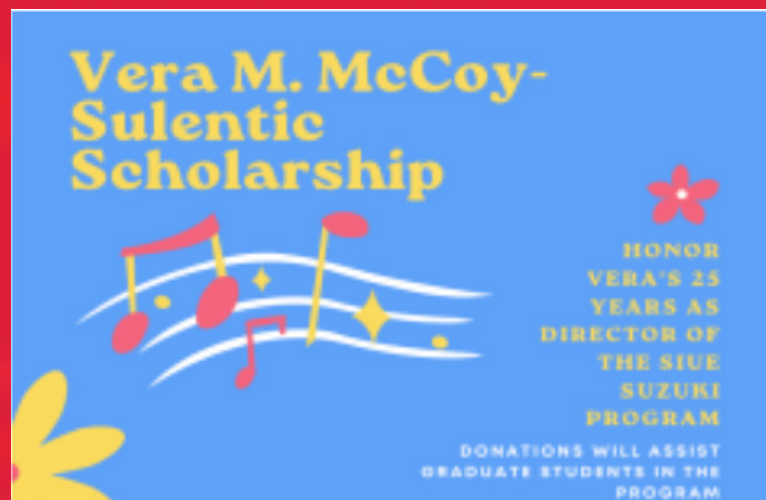
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**Thank you!!**



# **Donate to the Vera M. McCoy– Sulentic Scholarship to help fund Graduate Students**



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**Her scholarship fund is 8288–Vera M. McCoy–Sulentic  
Scholarship Endowment**

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 MAX ZVOLENSKY  
 CHARLOTTE APPLE

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF MY STUDENTS THIS YEAR WHO HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SO MANY AMAZING THINGS NOT ONLY IN VIOLIN STUDY BUT IN ACADEMICS, ARTS, AND SPORTS. CONCERTO COMPETITION WINNERS, SPORTS COMPETITION WINNERS, MATH TEAM WINNERS, PIT ORCHESTRA PERFORMERS, YOUTH SYMPHONY PERFORMERS, AND ALL AROUND KIND AND THOUGHTFUL HUMAN BEINGS. I COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD OF YOUR HARD WORK, PERSEVERANCE, AND SENSITIVITY. BRAVO TO EACH OF YOU. HERE IS A WISTFUL GOODBYE TO SENIORS AS THEY HEAD OFF TO COLLEGE ..." I HOPE MUSIC REMAINS A CHERISHED PART OF YOUR LIFE." ~MS. VERA



To all my students,  
private and at group  
class: thank you for being  
the best part of my day! I  
truly enjoy working with  
all of you, and I am  
grateful that we get to  
share my most favorite  
thing, music!

Love, Ms. Erika

### Erika's Students Word Search

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Find the following words in the puzzle.  
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JONAH  
LACEY

LAUREN  
NOVA  
RACHEL  
SOPHIE  
TERESA

VYLAI  
WILLIAM  
ZOE

"If love is deep, much can be accomplished," Shinichi Suzuki



Congratulations to all my amazing Students.



Charlotte Flowers  
Avery Luchtefeld  
Kaitlyn Nelson  
Veer Sangani  
Sasha Steinheimer



Congratulations to all my wonderful students and parents.  
Your hard work and love of music are an inspiration to me.  
Keep up the great practicing. You amaze me!!

Linda Bristol



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CELLO STUDENTS!**

**YOU ROCK!**

**-MS. STEPHANIE**



**JOSEPH  
WREN  
STELLA  
EILEEN  
GRANT  
ELLA MAE**

**JOSIE  
LUKE  
JEFFREY  
ALLEGRA  
BECKY**

**EMERY  
LYDIA  
OLIVER  
GENEVA  
MIA**

**OTTO  
LEVI  
LIZZY  
ELY  
ZOE**

*To my lovely students-- Congratulations on an amazing year! I absolutely adore being your teacher! Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication! Love, Ms.*

*Mikaila*

caroline  
jonah nolan  
abdullah derek  
nicholas  
jonathan daniela  
emily harrison dana  
sydney rae vade nicolette  
elli bennett micah  
jumana keira  
lorelai eli  
lucas



To my seniors-- I am so incredibly proud of you! It has been an honor to teach you all of these years! I have cherished every moment, and am so excited to see where life takes you! I am happy that you will have your love of music alongside you on your life journey! Love, Ms. Mikaila





Maggie, ten years of getting to work with you each week has guaranteed a treasure trove of warm memories from Book 1 and up.

I hope you keep that beautiful tone quality in  
All aspects of your life as you begin this new journey.

Ms. Vera

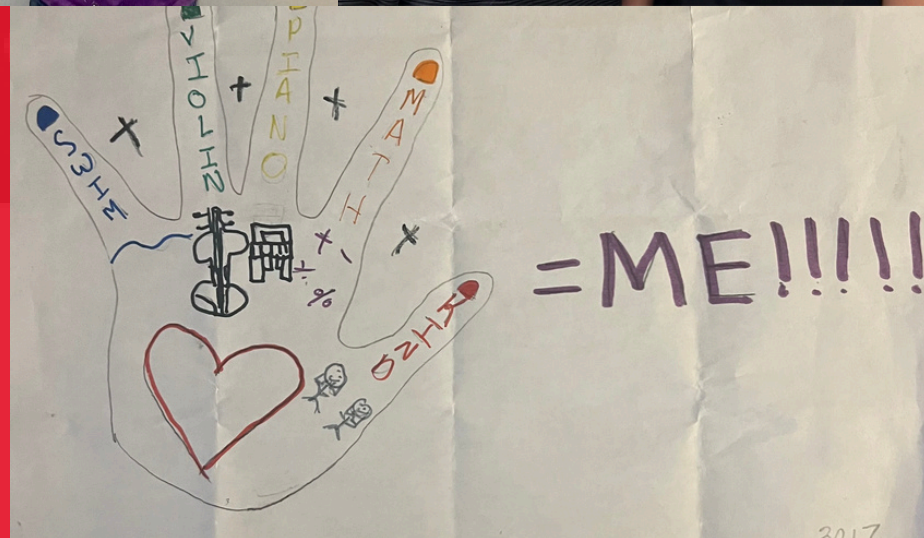




Karis, it has been amazing to work with you from  
Pre-Twinkle to Book 10 and beyond.

Best wishes for your future and may you always  
Find joy in your music.

Ms. Vera



Congratulations to ESE on an amazing year!

Love, Ms. Jennifer

**ESE**

*Congratulations*

on an amazing year!

You have worked hard and learned  
so much.

I can't wait for everyone to hear  
your Spring Festival performance!

Love,  
*Ms. Jennifer*

# Congratulations!!!



**Cora, Logan, Mckenzie, Yuna, Raahi, Mikayla,  
Aleya, Elisabeth, and George**

I have had so much fun teaching you this year! You can be very proud of  
your growth and all you have learned so far.

I hope you have a wonderful Spring Festival!

**Love,**  
*Ms. Jennifer*



We will very much miss our incredible Suzuki teacher! Ms. Vicki has been a part of our lives since Joey was 5 and Clara was 3. Fourteen years of inspiring them every week with patience, wisdom, and support as they learned the violin. As she starts this well-deserved retirement, we hope she finds joy in every moment spent with her grandkids and family. Her impact on our family will never be forgotten! Thank you Ms. Vicki! To quote Dr. Suzuki, "When love is deep, much can be accomplished". ❤️❤️❤️❤️



**PROUD OF OUR GIRLS AND THEIR INCREDIBLE TEACHER—  
WHAT A TEAM!**





## To my dear students,

Bravo for all your hard work and beautiful music this year! It's been such a joy to watch you grow, learn, and play with heart.

Never forget—your sound matters, and the world needs your music. Keep shining!

With love,  
Ms. Sana



## TOUR GROUP

Dearest Groupies-

It has been a whirlwind year with our group growing to 32 members, with 9 beloved seniors graduating this year! I'm so proud of every one of you for your hard work and beautiful souls. Saturday is truly the best day of the week! Spring Festival is NOT the end of our season though...we have the Town & Country Symphony performance June 1st, as well as our Bon Voyage Concert and Tour to Austria and Germany as well! Thank you all for the memories, music and mayhem. You are absolutely adored ! See you next week LOL! Allison Woerner







**Congratulations to my Studio  
violinists on a marvelous year of  
hard work and awesome progress!**

**I'm so proud of each of you ♥.**

**Special Thank You to the parents,  
grandparents, families and  
communities that support and  
celebrate our students- you all make  
this journey possible and much more  
meaningful!**

**Here's to a fantastic summer of  
lessons, laughter and learning - I  
adore you to the moon!**

**Allison Woerner**

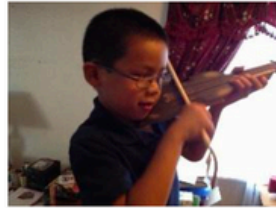
**Bennett Charlie Cora Ella**

**Ellie Ellory Emeline Iris**

**Jenna Jacob F. Jacob K. Kate**

**Lillie Luca Nathan Timmy**





Nicholas,

It seems like only yesterday you were asking to learn to play the violin. We had no idea at the time that music would become not only your passion but also your inspiration, your saving grace, your way of giving back to the world.

These last 12 years in the SIUE Suzuki Strings program have flown by. We remember wondering if you would ever graduate from your cardboard violin, if you would ever make it through the Twinkles, if you would ever make it through Book 1, then you hit your high note and never looked back. Your dedication to your music has been impressive, going years without missing a day of practice and rarely ever since. Grabbing every opportunity that was given to you.

As you head off to study Music, we know that if you put in the work and dedication that you are capable of, you will be able to obtain your dreams (well some of them anyway...you are quite the broad-spectrum dreamer). We hope that you will always find joy in music and never stop sharing your love of music with the world.

We are proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom & Dad



Our SIUE Suzuki days of private lessons, Saturday classes & Performances are done, but in our minds, we know they will still live on and on.

But how do you thank those who have taken you from cardboard to Tour Group? It isn't easy, but we'll try!

To the faculty and grad students who have enriched our lives through the SIUE Suzuki Strings program, we Thank You! Ms Gretchen & Ms Carrie, you were the springboard for Nicholas' musical journey. Mr Dan & the Saturday class teachers over that last 12 years, we learned so much from each of you. Ms Vera & Ms Erika, thank you for guiding and growing the program, staying true to the philosophy of Dr Suzuki.

**Ms. Allison**, You have become so much more than just the Tour Group director. You are his family, his Music Auntie. From our 1<sup>st</sup> days, you, and TG, were a force, an inspiration, a goal, a dream for Nicholas. He couldn't wait to become part it, and his time in Tour Group has been everything he dreamed it would be and so much more!



**Ms. Mikaila**, There are no words for how much we appreciate all you have done for Nicholas (and us) over these past 8 years. We know he would not be where he is today without your guidance. You are so much more than just a private lesson teacher. You are his Music Mom. Thank you for everything you have done for our family.

Thank you to all the entire SIUE Suzuki Program and to the Friends we have made along the way!



**We are so honored to have been part of  
your last year of teaching, Ms. Vicki.  
Thank you for all that you have done  
for our aspiring violinists!  
-Abby and Andrew Leatherman**



Ms. Linda,  
Thank you so much for another  
great year. I learned a lot and  
had a lot of fun. Thank you for  
being a wonderful teacher.

Love,  
Sasha

Sasha,  
We are so proud of your  
accomplishments! You've worked  
so hard and deserve all the  
success you've achieved.

Love,  
Mom & Dad





**Congratulations, William!**

We're so proud of you for completing another fruitful year in the Suzuki program! Your dedication, growth, and love for music continue to inspire us. It's been a joy to watch you progress, challenge yourself, and share your music with us!

A special thank you to Ms. Erika, Ms. Allison, Ms. Sharon, Mr. Seo, and all the wonderful teachers who have supported and guided William this year. Your patience, encouragement, and passion have made such a meaningful impact on his musical journey.

Here's to more music, and another great year ahead!

Love you,  
Mom, Dad and Vivian



It has been a joy and I have been proud to watch Kevin's growth as a musician in his 12 years at SIUE Suzuki Program! Thank you for supporting and encouraging us both in this incredible journey. Special gratitude to Vera Mccoy, Mikaila Seo and Erika Lord Castillo. I am very proud of you My Only Son, proud and impressed by your persistence in this incredible journey.

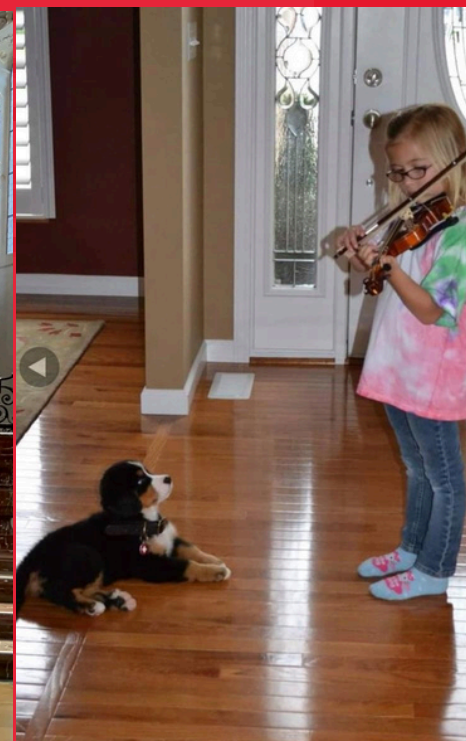
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Congratulations Emily! We're so proud of you and grateful for the love, laughter, and music you have brought into our lives. Mikaila and Allison, thank you for being amazing teachers and friends. From Twinkle Little Star to now, keep reaching for the stars, and we can't wait to see where your dreams take you!

Love you to the moon and back,  
Mom, Dad, Elli, & Caroline





From Twinkle to Tour group, oh how you've grown! We are so proud of you and cannot wait to watch you soar, Mags. Our gratitude to Ms. Vera and your other teachers, who have been such a large part of your childhood. We love you. Mom & Dad





Great job, Jonah! It is  
a blessing to watch  
you bloom and grow.

Love, Mom and Richard

**To our senior Addie, It has been a joy to watch you perform on the violin over the years. Congratulations on All-State.**

**We are very grateful to those in the SIUE Suzuki program for offering their talents to the development of young students. Thank you Vera, Erika, Allison, Dan, Kim and past grad students Ana and Mu-Chi.**





**Sophie,**

**We have treasured watching you learn and grow in violin all these years and loved hearing you play since the first few notes on your tiny violin. Listening to all the beauty you put in music is one of the best blessings a parent could have. We are so proud of you and hope that the music will stay with you forever.**

**Love, Mom & Dad**



**Ms Erika,**

**Words can't express how thankful we are to have had your positive and kind influence on our girls for the past 13+ years. You not only helped them become accomplished violinists, but also lovely humans!**

**David & Jenny VanMiddendorp**

**PS - Thanks for always letting Sophie learn with her shoes off!**



Ms. Erika. Ms. Jennifer. Ms. Kim.

We are so gracious for your time, patience and  
passion you've poured into teaching youth to  
come together with music. Your dedication helped  
us all to see and hear the beauty that comes  
from a collective effort.

With Gratitude - Bryan, Chelsey, Owen, Miles  
and Lenna Garrison





Ms. Vicki,  
Our deepest gratitude for being our guiding  
light from tuning to recitals! Your  
encouragement turned struggles into  
progress & light hearted moments. Your  
dedication helped us grow as musicians and  
individuals. You'll always have a special place  
in us and our music.

With gratitude - Owen & Miles and Bryan &  
Chelsey Garrison



# Honoring a Legacy of Teaching and Heart

Today, we celebrate the retirement of Vicki Lottes, one of our beloved Suzuki teachers, whose impact on our community is immeasurable. A mentor to both students and teachers, she has been a guiding light and a steady pillar in our program. Over her remarkable 58-year teaching career—including the last 18 years at SIUE—her wisdom, kindness, and dedication have shaped generations of musicians and educators. We thank her for her years of inspiring service and wish her joy and fulfillment in the next chapter.





# THANK YOU

**Special Thanks from the Suzuki Program to:**

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**Miles Vandiver, Music Department**

**Sharon Voss, Collaborative Pianist**

**Graduate and Undergraduate Assistants & Faculty Teachers**

**Saturday Group Teachers**

**Hardworking Parents**

**Meridian Ballroom**

**SIUE Administration**

**Thank you so much for your support of the  
SIUE Suzuki Program! We couldn't do what we do without you!**