## Suzuki Strings at USC Policies & Fees 2015-2016

### Tuition*

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<th>Fall 2015</th>
<th>Spring 2016</th>
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<td>30 minute lessons</td>
<td>$535 (Family Discount - $515)</td>
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<td>$845 (Family Discount - $825)</td>
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*Tuition includes weekly private lesson, group class lessons, Graduation medal, program t-shirt, and SASC membership dues

### Payments

- Tuition is due: **Monday, August 24th** (full or ½ payment) & **Friday, October 16** (1/2 payment)
- You may pay by credit card on our website (http://www.sc.edu/music/suzuki) or by check. If you pay by check, you must fill out a payment form (available on our website) and turn it in with the check to SCHOOL OF MUSIC OFFICE. Please do not hand payments to your private teacher as they are unable to accept them.
- Lessons will not begin until payment has been received.
- Tuition is not pro-rated

### Tuition Assistance & Scholarships

- The Suzuki Strings Program has tuition assistance available to help those in need. We are hoping to hold fundraising events this year to help increase these funds.
- Should you qualify for tuition assistance, we are asking for a small time commitment during the school year. The following are a few of the ways tuition assistance families can help out:
  - Accompanying on Graduation Recitals
  - Assisting to “rally” students at community performances and the Final Groups Concert
  - Assisting with Receptions for the Graduation Recitals and/or the Suzuki Festival
  - Updating the bulletin regularly (displayed on Saturday mornings)
- Tuition Assistance Applications are available on the Suzuki Strings website. ([http://www.sc.edu/music/suzuki](http://www.sc.edu/music/suzuki)). To qualify for financial aid, the student must have been enrolled with the Suzuki Strings Program for at least two semesters. Families must apply for Tuition Assistance EACH semester.
- Scholarships are available to a few Singing Strings and Vibrant Violin students who volunteer to be mentors in the Saturday morning group classes. Your scholarship will waive a portion of your tuition for the following semester.
Withdrawals & Refunds

- Students wishing to withdraw from Suzuki Strings must provide a written notice to Dr. Samara Humbert-Hughes at shumberthughes@mozart.sc.edu including the reason for withdrawal.

- Refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Any refunds are pro-rated minus an 18% processing fee. **No refunds** will be issued after the second week of lessons. Please note that refunds are made by university check and this can take several weeks to process.

Private Lesson Attendance & Make-Up Lesson Policy

- Students are required to be present for all private lessons.

- A parent MUST be present at all private lessons.

- Please arrive at least 5 minutes early to your private lesson so that you can mentally and physically prepare for your lesson. Please check with your private teacher as to how and when you should enter the lesson room.

- Please bring all of your materials to every lesson (sheet music, books, folders, practice folders, foot charts, instrument, bow, rosin etc.)

- There are no time adjustments for students arriving late to their lessons. Please note: if you are the last lesson of the day and you are more than 10 minutes late your teacher may have left 😞

- Please do not bring a sick child to lessons. It is easier for you to miss one lesson than for your teacher to miss an entire week of teaching.

- Siblings are welcome in the lessons if they remain quiet.

- If a lesson is missed **by the instructor**, the lesson will be made up.

- Please notify your private teacher at least 24 hours in advance if you know you will not be attending your private lesson. This time could be used for makeup lessons for another student.

- Each student is allowed (not granted) ONLY ONE makeup lesson per semester provided that the parent provided enough notice to the instructor, however, TEACHERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO GIVE MAKEUP LESSONS MISSED BY STUDENTS. Please check with your private lesson teacher as to how they conduct their makeup lessons. With space at a premium at USC School of Music it is VERY difficult to schedule extra teaching time.

- In the case of inclement weather, please contact your private teacher immediately if you feel as though you will be unable to get to your lesson safely and they will try their best to make up this lesson.

- No refunds will be made for missed lessons.
Group Lesson Attendance

- Group class lessons are included in your tuition & are part of your learning experience!

- Please arrive 5-10 minutes early so you have time to get and ready and your teacher has time to tune everyone. Group classes will begin on time!

- Please bring all of your materials to group class (footcharts, books, rosin, shoulder rests, rockstoppers, footstools etc.)

- You should strive to attend all group classes and all community performances. Formal performances are mandatory for all students!

- If you are unable to attend group class and/theory class, please email or call your GROUP CLASS teacher.

- **Please NO FOOD OR DRINKS in group class.** If you need to enjoy a snack or drink your coffee, please do so in the foyer of the String Project Building, in the lobby of the School of Music, or outside.

- Group class tuition is not pro-rated or refundable.

Parking

- Please leave extra time to find parking before your private and group class lessons. Sometimes there are events at the Koger Center or at the Coliseum or in downtown and it can be unpredictable with parking. There are meters around the School of Music or there are several parking garages on Park Street.

- The SOM has granted the Suzuki Strings at USC program a limited amount of yearly passes for the DPE Parking Garage (Park St. and College) for a minimal charge. If you believe that you would sufficiently be able to use one of these passes (i.e. you visit campus 3 times a week or more for lessons), please fill out a Parking Pass Application on our website. Thank you for your patience as we work through this new endeavor.