

Amazing Side Benefits of the Suzuki Experience

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Overall Musical Advantages

Creates high quality musical environment... Trains ear to discriminate (students and parents)... Allows all children to play well through systematic approach... Expands the classical music audience... Raises expectations in performance. Expands idea of talent

Educational Principles.

Achievement through early learning and persistence... Importance of individual timetable... Manageable... One-step at a time approach to learning... Memory constantly improves... Belief in one's abilities carries over to other tasks. Self-confidence developed... Parental involvement = constant learning... Happy atmosphere = receptive mind... Value of persistence... Value of reputation... Value of quality... Importance of aural learning skills... Success determined by time and effort put in... Skills in self-assessment

Individual Benefits

Fine personalities.. Appreciation for beauty in music and life.. Development of both sides of the brain.. Academics skills.. Problem-solving skills... Self assurance.. ..Reasonable sense of competition.. Available venue for the release of tensions.. Flexibility and problem-solving ability... Valuable friendships

Family Benefits

Develops close relationships... Wonderful course in parent/child-relationships. . Encourages peace in the home... Provides a regular opportunity for quality time together... Encourages positive home environment... Intergenerational bonds develop... Encourages parents to help, to give of their valuable time.

Suzuki Teenagers: The Proof of the Pudding

Characteristics of Suzuki Teenagers:

Friendliness ... Poise... Kindness, caring ... Balanced Sense of Self... Sensitivity... Strong aesthetic sense ... Thoughtfulness... Leadership abilities ... Strong sense of values ... Organizational skills, efficiency... Intellectual curiosity.. Good problem-solving skills ... Well-roundedness ... Composure in front of a group - playing or speaking... Well-mannered... Have a good sense of values... Mental agility... Good musicianship... Beautiful personalities