

**2010**  
**LAUDERDALE SUZUKI GROUP**

[www.lauderdalesuzuki.org.uk](http://www.lauderdalesuzuki.org.uk) a division of the **London Suzuki Group**

**Dear Prospective Suzuki Parent,**

Thank you for your enquiry regarding Suzuki instrumental lessons. This letter has been written to assist you in obtaining a place as soon as possible.

It is vital that prospective parents understand the philosophical basis of the teaching method that they have chosen for their child. We therefore feel all parents should read "Nurtured by Love" and/or "Ability Development from age Zero" by Shinichi Suzuki. These books can be obtained (mail order) from the British Suzuki Institute (Music/Book Shop 020 7471 6780 Open: 9.30am – 1pm) or they may be found in your local library.

If, after reading the book, you decide this is the method for you then please bring your child to start observing lessons:

**Observation**

Observation is the beginning of your musical studies. It gives you an opportunity to meet and talk to Suzuki parents. This is the best way for you to find out about the benefits of the method and what your role as a parent would be. It also gives you a chance to watch different teachers and to assess whose approach might best suit you and your child.

**Violin Observation**

Group lessons take place most Wednesday afternoons during term time at Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill, London N6 Lessons begin at 3.15 pm with the youngest group of beginner violinists and progress through to the most advanced groups finishing at 7.00pm. The following are the best classes to observe:

3.15	Violin beginners	Gallery
4.25	Violin intermediate	Hall
4.15	Viola	86 Cromwell Avenue(a 5 minute walk from Lauderdale House)

You are welcome to observe any groups as often as you like and there is no charge.

Please sign the register each time you come. This is kept on the desk in the front hall.

You will normally need to **observe lessons for at least a term** before being eligible for an opening with one of the teachers.

Children who participate in these classes all have a private teacher. We wish to stress that this is **NOT** a group teaching method. Each child has weekly individual lessons (usually at their teacher's house) and these are supplemented by the group lesson and music reading classes at Lauderdale.

**Piano Observation**

If you are interested in piano lessons for your child, please arrange with one of the piano teachers (see end of this letter) to observe some individual lessons at their houses. You will get a better idea of how Suzuki piano works from observing individual lessons. As with all Suzuki instrumental lessons it will be necessary to **observe individual lessons for about a term** before starting your own lessons. Pianists also attend regular group classes but not at Lauderdale House.

**Listening**

Having read Dr Suzuki's book and started observing classes, we would like you to start daily listening to the CD of the Suzuki repertoire of your chosen instrument. These can be obtained from the British Suzuki Institute (see above for details). Please get into the habit of **playing the CD every day** so that you and your child become familiar with the repertoire.

**Practice Preparation**

In order to prepare yourself for the time when you will need to practise daily with your child, it would be extremely helpful if you could set aside a small amount of time **every day** to do an activity together. For example, reading, painting, doing a puzzle.

### **Starting Individual lessons**

Jane Afia is coordinator for families observing at Lauderdale House. After the end of each term she will refer to the register and contact families who have been observing for 6 or more sessions during the previous term. When a lesson time does become available, it might not be one that will suit you best. It may mean taking your child out of school for a while or re-arranging your schedule. Please remember that many teachers teach 40 or more students per week and it is impossible to give everyone a lesson at the most popular times such as just after school. We therefore advise you to take the time offered or it may be impossible to arrange lessons for your child.

### **Questions?**

Teachers are very busy on Wednesday afternoons and have not got enough time to answer all your questions but if you go to the Café you will meet parents, some of whom have been involved in the Suzuki Method for many years, who will be very willing to answer your questions and tell you about their experiences!

### **Musicianship Class (Sumics) for 2 – 4/5 year olds on Wednesday afternoons**

4.25 - on the Landing at Lauderdale House with Patty Armstrong. £100 per term. Anyone is welcome to join this class which is good preparation for instrumental lessons.

Yours sincerely,

<b>Alison Apley</b> violin	40 Chevening Road, NW6 6DE	020 8969 0757
<b>Elisabeth Waterhouse</b> violin/viola	86 Cromwell Avenue, N6 5HQ	020 8340 8362
<b>Jane Afia</b> violin/viola	17 St Gabriel's Road, NW2 4DS	020 8930 9120
<b>Claudio Forcada</b> violin	36 Wilton Road, Upper flat, N10 1LS	07917 100360
<b>Sharron Beamer</b> violin	11 Muswell Hill Road, N10 3JB	020 8883 9923
<b>Cara Vella</b> violin	276B West End Lane NW6 1LJ	07832 126314
<b>Amanda Martin</b> piano	7 Donaldson Road, NW6 6NA	020 7328 0525

**NB: many of the above teachers teach in other venues as well as their homes.**

Lauderdale Suzuki Group Administrator: Sara Hayes [info@lauderdale-suzuki.org.uk](mailto:info@lauderdale-suzuki.org.uk) Tel: 0207 609 2612

### **Qualified Suzuki teachers running other Suzuki programmes in North and Central London:**

**Violin:** Silvia Crusellas 0208 866 1478 Mona Kodama 020 8844 5100  
Richard O'Connor 07793 086610 Tsze Yenn Yong 07916 252 142 Hannah Biss 020 84457089

**Piano:** Ivana Murray 020 8815 0901 Esther Reinders 020 8346 4111

**Flute:** Cristina Crespo 07931128137

## The Lauderdale Suzuki Group is part of the London Suzuki Group

The London Suzuki Group (LSG) is an organisation of 40 teachers, parents and over 450 children, all committed to the Suzuki approach to music education. As well as running flourishing Suzuki violin, viola, cello and piano programmes, which include regular music reading classes, orchestras and chamber music, the LSG teachers also organise workshops and music camps at weekends and during the holidays. The LSG organises an annual concert which all LSG students take part in and also a series of Sunday afternoon pupil recital concerts.

The London Suzuki Group is a registered charity run by a board of directors, with an Administrator – Nick Pullinger. The group was founded in 1972 by Helen Brunner and was the pioneer Suzuki Group in the UK.

The families of **ALL** children who participate in Groups at Lauderdale House must belong to the London Suzuki Group.

**London Suzuki Group SUBSCRIPTION** This is collected by the London Suzuki Group administrator (Nick Pullinger ([lsg@suzukimusic.net](mailto:lsg@suzukimusic.net) Tel: 01372 720088) and is £24 per term. The subscription income is used principally to subsidise many events which benefit your childrens' musical education.

Members also receive a termly LSG information publication called "Stop Press".

LSG membership also includes membership of our national association, the *British Suzuki Institute* (BSI) [www.britishsuzuki.com](http://www.britishsuzuki.com), BSI membership entitles members to a discount on all Suzuki books, CDs etc and entry to national concerts and workshops. It also keeps you in touch with the wider Suzuki community through two journals: "Ability" and the European Suzuki Association Journal. The BSI is responsible for the training of Suzuki teachers in this country.

## How much will lessons cost?

### Approximate cost per term

<b>Lauderdale Group classes</b> ( 2 lessons per week for 30 weeks)	£140 (10% discount for siblings)
<b>Sumics</b>	£100
<b>Private tuition</b> (usually half an hour)	£30 – £45 per hour depending on the teacher
<b>London Suzuki Group subscription</b>	£24 (per term)
<b>Violin /cello hire</b>	£30(violin) £60(cello)

### **Instrument Hire**

Small-sized violins and cellos may be hired from the teachers or from  
Dots music shop 132 St Pancras Way NW1 020 7482 5424 [www.dotsonline.co.uk](http://www.dotsonline.co.uk)  
Stringers Music shop 79a York St ( off Seymour Place) W1H 020 7224 9099  
Or bought from Charles Foote 10, Golden Square, W1 020 7437 1811