

NZSI Teacher Training Programme

Introduction

The NZSI Teacher Training Programme is designed for practising teachers and advanced musicians 18 years and over interested in becoming Suzuki teachers. The training programme covers 4 Levels broken down into units of training. Most units correspond to the Suzuki repertoire book to which it refers. Currently, in New Zealand, Suzuki training is available in piano, violin, cello, flute and guitar.

Each unit consists of a minimum of 16 hours of lectures, discussions, training and teaching practice plus 8 hours of observation of specified Suzuki teaching, which must be fully documented by the trainee. The importance and timing of the teaching of reading, plus other aspects of musicianship will also be an integral part of the training programme.

Additional written work, reading and an increasing performance ability is required at each Level. It is often recommended that trainees will also take private lessons from a recognised teacher during the course.

Entry level playing requirements as follows:

Piano - Grade 8 + or alternatively the equivalent of Suzuki Piano Book Seven.

Violin - Grade 8 + or alternatively the equivalent of Suzuki Violin Book Seven.

Cello - Grade 8 + or alternatively the equivalent of Suzuki Cello Book Eight.

Flute - Grade 8 + or alternatively the equivalent of Suzuki Flute Book Seven.

Guitar - Grade 8 + or alternatively the equivalent of Suzuki Guitar Book Seven.

Examinations are not offered, but an assessment may be taken for each of the 4 Levels.

An introductory training course for teenagers with an associated mentor scheme is available for advanced Suzuki students in Year 11-13. Contact NZSI Director of Teacher Training for information.

PO Box 74-092, Market Road, Auckland

How to Enrol in the NZSI Teacher Training Programme

1. Complete the attached NZSI Teacher Training Application form.
Provide a short curriculum vitae detailing musical training and experience and other relevant educational or teaching experience and activities.
Payment of a registration fee of \$25.00 (non-refundable) is required. Your cheque should be made payable to NZSI.

Send ALL of the above to:

NZSI Director of Teacher Training, PO Box 74092 Market Road, Auckland

2. Read *Nurtured by Love* by Shinichi Suzuki, Exposition Press
3. Upon receipt of your curriculum vitae, application form and registration fee, you can expect to be interviewed by an appropriate NZSI Teacher Trainer. This will be organized by the Director of Teacher Training and will be either by telephone or in person.
4. You will be required to provide a video audition tape of your most recent playing. Details of what will be required on the audition tape will be advised during the interview. In some cases this requirement may be waived.

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