

KNOXVILLE SUZUKI

A C A D E M Y

August 2026

KSYO Audition Workshop

Thinking about auditioning for the Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra program? Not sure how to prepare or hoping to be more prepared this time? KSA offers a workshop that's all about auditions. You'll learn what to expect at the audition and how to prepare in a relaxed, supportive environment. You'll even practice your audition and get helpful feedback.

KSA faculty and Knoxville Symphony member Jennifer George leads the workshop. String players of all levels are welcome to attend. *10 a.m., August 15 in the Joy Room of the Parish House.*

Incredible benefits of music study, pt. 2 Music, Math, and Memory

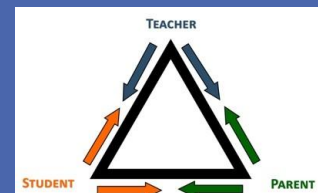
MATH: Did you know that math and music have a lot in common? Music is one of the first ways children experience and learn math. We start with steady beat which requires equal proportions: 1 to 1. Fractions come next as we move from quarter notes to eighths, half notes, whole notes, and more. As we learn to feel those rhythmic proportions, we are learning how math works as well.

MEMORY: Building one's capacity to make and retain memories is a significant area of brain development. Newer studies of the brain have shown that we can increase this ability throughout life! Music study has been shown in clinical studies to aid in this growth. Music students memorize large amounts of music, and at the same time, they execute discrete, sophisticated movements with both hands. The whole brain is engaged in music making!

Isn't it amazing that so many benefits come from studying music?



From the Practice Files



Episodes 1-10 of From the Practice Files are live on the KSA website. They are no longer password protected so please enjoy reading and learning from them. Thanks to Jacqueline Whittemore for creating these fun, informative articles!



Student of the Month – Gabriel Ludtka, pianist

Gabriel Ludtka started studying piano at KSA with Alla Ousely in 2023 when he was four and a half years old. He practices for 20-30 minutes each day, and he loves the fact that he's "...learned so much so that I can make up my own songs now."

Gabriel is in Suzuki Book 2, and making excellent progress! His two year old sister likes to play "concert" at home and clap for him when he plays! His Poppop helped him get started in piano and usually brings him to lessons. His extended family members are great supporters and encouragers.

When not playing piano, Gabriel likes to build with Legos, read, ride his bike and play chess.

Congratulations on the great work, Gabriel!

August & September Group Classes

Cello - August 1 & 29

10-11 am Cello Pre-Twinkle & Book 1
11 am-12 Cello Books 2-3
12-1 pm Advanced Cello

Piano - August 22

12-1 pm Piano Group Class

Violin - August 15 & 29; September 12 & 19

11 am-12 pm



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