



About Us ...

The Suzuki Strings at USC Program began in 2010 and was renamed The Suzuki Academy of Columbia & USC in 2018. The Suzuki Academy is a community music program who uses the Suzuki Method and Philosophy to instruct children as young as three years old on the violin, viola, cello, and classical guitar. Currently the Suzuki Academy has about 110 students and instructs students through the high school years.

Our students are enrolled in weekly privately lessons where they are provided with one-one-one instruction to learn new skills and refine those already learned. Our students are also enrolled in weekly group class lessons which provide the students opportunities for repertoire review, skills review, and learning ensemble skills. The Suzuki Academy has eight “core” teachers and three “neighborhood” teachers – all of whom have acquired specialty training in the Suzuki Method alongside their traditional studies in music. Students at the Suzuki Academy perform regularly in the Columbia community and at the University of South Carolina’s School of Music.

In addition, the Suzuki Academy is attached to the Master of Music in Violin/Viola Pedagogy at USC’s School of Music. Within this degree program, university students have the opportunity to study Suzuki Method Pedagogy and observe and teach in a working Suzuki Method Program.