



Is it really worth it?

Sunday 7 April 2019

*Churchill College Chapel
Storey's Way, Cambridge, CB3 0DS*

This exciting day of in-service training will be of interest to all instrumental teachers, including Suzuki teachers. The late morning and afternoon will be of interest to Suzuki parents, too.

Jenny Macmillan will start the day by taking us through some musicianship games and activities for use with groups of children. She will then discuss and demonstrate a one-point lesson – taking a single point in a piece and working thoroughly to improve that aspect. After coffee and chat, Jenny will give a powerpoint presentation with ideas for successful practising. This will be followed by a short concert given by pupils aged from 4 to 8 on piano, flute, violin and cello.

Please bring a contribution for lunch (eg sandwiches, sushi, sausage rolls, dips and cruditees, olives and feta, nuts and seeds, or pieces of fruit, biscuits, tiny cakes, chocolates) when there will be an opportunity to meet new friends, parents and teachers and exchange ideas. After a brief session of yoga for musicians, we have the highlight of the day when the respected and sought-after violin teacher, Sharron Beamer, will give a talk for parents (which teachers should also find fascinating) entitled “Is it really worth it?”. After this, Sharron will lead a discussion on Dr Suzuki’s seminal book, *Nurtured by Love*.

9.30 am	Coffee
10.00 am	Group lesson ideas
10.30 am	One point lessons
11.00 am	Coffee
11.30 am	Focus in practice
12.15 pm	Pupils’ concert
12.45 pm	Bring and share lunch
2.00 pm	Yoga for musicians
2.15 pm	Sharron Beamer: <i>Is it really worth it?</i>
3.15 pm	Tea
3.45-4.30 pm	Book discussion led by Sharron on <i>Nurtured by Love</i>

Sharron Beamer

Sharron's musical training began as a parent to her four children learning instruments through the Suzuki approach. Later, as an adult beginner, she started learning the violin, trained in London as a Suzuki violin teacher, and then spent six months studying in Japan with Shinichi Suzuki himself. With her real insight into the challenges faced by parents, she has written several engaging articles, and her parent talks are always well received.



She's been teaching for over 35 years. For several years she had a studio of 40 students, as well as teaching group lessons for the Lauderdale Suzuki Group in North London. Her teaching commitment is now reducing, due to her imminent retirement. For many years she has taught at Suzuki summer schools at Temple Dinsley and Bryanston and at the National Suzuki Children's Workshop at the Royal College of Music.

Sharron is currently in the process of making a film on how to teach young children the basics of violin playing.

Jenny Macmillan

Jenny has taught piano privately for over 30 years. She has a thriving teaching practice of about 20 pupils aged between about 3 and 14, most pupils then moving to the junior departments of the London music colleges.



As well as teaching children, Jenny is a European Suzuki Association qualified teacher trainer. She runs her own Suzuki teacher training course in Cambridge, and has contributed to training courses and workshops in Norway, Italy, Spain, Belgium, the Netherlands, Ireland and the UK.

Since completing a masters degree in Psychology for Musicians at Sheffield University, Jenny has written extensively about music education. Her acclaimed book, *Successful Practising: A handbook for pupils, parents and music teachers*, has been reprinted. For ten years she was regional organiser of EPTA Cambridgeshire.

Her website, www.jennymacmillan.co.uk, includes many articles on practising, on the Suzuki approach, and on other aspects of music education.

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Booking form

Cost: £45 for whole day, £25 for half day, £10 for one session, £5 for concert or yoga

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided

Please bring a contribution to the bring-and-share lunch

I wish to attend (please tick all that apply):

- Whole day £45

OR

- Half day £25 (*please circle:* morning or afternoon)

OR

- Group lesson ideas 10.00-10.30 am £10
 One point lessons 10.30-11.00 am £10
 Focus in practice 11.30 am-12.15 pm £10
 Pupils' concert 12.15-12.45 pm £5
 Yoga for musicians 2.00-2.15 pm £5
 Talk by Sharron Beamer: *Is it really worth it?* 2.15-3.15 pm £15
 Book discussion led by Sharron on *Nurtured by Love* 3.45-4.30 pm £10

I have paid £ online

Please pay online to account number 24239132, sort code 08 93 00

OR

I enclose a cheque for £.....

Please make cheques payable to Jenny Macmillan

Name

Address

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Postcode Phone

Email

Please circle or tick all that apply:

I am a music teacher: instrument
Suzuki/non-Suzuki
Suzuki parent

Please scan this form and email it as an attachment to Jenny Macmillan on

jenny@jennymacmillan.co.uk if paying online

OR

post to Jenny Macmillan, 17 Lynfield Lane, Cambridge, CB4 1DR with your cheque