

The Cincinnati City-Wide Suzuki Violin Play-In

A Musical Family Fun Event!

Come See Over 100 Young Violinists from the Greater Cincinnati Area

Perform “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star!”

Where & When: Sat. Feb. 25, 2023, 2-3:30pm, Walnut Hills High School Auditorium
(1500 Blair Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45207) Concert is free and open to the public.

This year will mark the 13th Annual Cincinnati City-Wide Suzuki Violin Play-In. A Play-in is an iconic Suzuki event, celebrating the legacy of Japanese educator and humanitarian Dr. Shinichi Suzuki and bringing together all levels of Suzuki-trained string players. Suzuki believed that all children could develop the ability to play the violin, and he would encourage students to perform together in the community entirely by memory. Greater Cincinnati has a large number of young musicians who learn through his method, and the annual City-Wide Play-In gives them the opportunity to share their love of music together.

The concert will open with an advanced ensemble “Showcase”, of accomplished high school violinists playing advanced music of various styles. Teachers have commented that this part of the concert is very inspiring to the younger students, hearing the dazzling playing from their peers. The teachers, who are all professional musicians, will also join as an ensemble and perform for the students. There will also be a “Pre-Twinkle/Twinkle Demonstration” of the newest beginning students.

Next the Play-In will begin with the most advanced pieces played by older students in Book 8, progressing through the volumes of repertoire to Book 1. Every student who knows the next piece is invited on stage to perform until all students and teachers are playing the “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” variations together to conclude the concert. In past years this final song has featured over 140 students, some as young as 4 yrs old, with 15 area teachers performing on the same stage!

The Play-In will feature students from Suzuki programs across Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky: Corryville Suzuki Project, Cincinnati Suzuki School, Cincinnati Music Academy, SCPA, CCM, and others. The Suzuki Talent Education Method teaches students life skills through violin instruction such as stage presence, problem solving, concentration, and respect for others.

The Cincinnati City-Wide Suzuki Violin Play-in is generously hosted by Walnut Hills High School. The sponsor this year is Strings N Things Violin Shop. Directors of the annual event are Dr. Vincent Phelan and Elizabeth Council-Phelan who are Artistic Directors from the Corryville Suzuki Project. As CCM graduates, the Phelans founded the Corryville Suzuki Project in 1995 and have been inspiring young minds for over 25 years through this accelerated music education program. Corryville Suzuki Project offers instruction, for ages 4-18 years, in Anderson, Clifton, and Mt. Washington.

Suzuki-trained violinists, teachers, families interested in the Suzuki method, and the wider community are all invited to attend the concert. For more information for both students and teachers, see the Corryville Suzuki Project website at www.suzukiproject.org or call (513) 231-3523.

