**Tuition**

**Fall 2016 (13 Private Lessons, 13 Group Class Days)**

- **30 minute lessons**
  - Cash: $595 (Family Discount $580)
  - Credit Card: $605 (Family Discount $590)

- **45 minute lessons**
  - Cash: $795 (Family Discount $780)
  - Credit Card: $805 (Family Discount $790)

- **60 minute lessons**
  - Cash: $935 (Family Discount $920)
  - Credit Card: $945 (Family Discount $930)

**Spring 2017 (17 Private Lessons, 16 Group Class Days)**

- **30 minute lessons**
  - Cash: $705 (Family Discount $690)
  - Credit Card: $715 (Family Discount $700)

- **45 minute lessons**
  - Cash: $955 (Family Discount $940)
  - Credit Card: $965 (Family Discount $950)

- **60 minute lessons**
  - Cash: $1140 (Family Discount $1125)
  - Credit Card: $1150 (Family Discount $1135)

*Tuition includes weekly private lesson, group class lessons, Graduation medal, program t-shirt, SASC membership dues, recital fees, and administrative fees*

**Payments**

- Tuition is due: **Monday, August 22th** (full or ½ payment) & **Monday, October 17** (1/2 payment)

- You may pay by credit card on our website (http://www.sc.edu/music/suzuki) or by cash only. As of August 1, 2016, we can no longer accept checks. If you pay by cash, you must fill out a payment form (available on our website) and turn it in with the cash to SCHOOL OF MUSIC OFFICE attention to Sarah Jackson Evanovich or give this directly to her or to Dr. Humbert-Hughes. Please do not hand payments to your private teacher as they are unable to accept them. Receipts for cash are available upon request from Sarah Jackson Evanovich (sjackson@mozart.sc.edu)

- Lessons will not begin (or continue) until payment has been received.

- Tuition is not pro-rated

**Tuition Assistance & Scholarships**

- The Suzuki Strings Program has very limited tuition assistance available to help those in need. We are hoping to hold more fundraising events this year to help increase these funds.

- Should you qualify for tuition assistance, we are asking for a small time commitment during the school year. The following are a few of the ways tuition assistance families can help:
  - Serving as Piano Accompanist on Recitals
  - Assisting with concerts by handing out programs or other small tasks.
  - Assisting with Receptions for the Graduation Recitals and/or at the Suzuki Festival

- Tuition Assistance Applications are available on the Suzuki Strings website and are due by August 12th for the Fall and by December 12th for the Spring (http://www.sc.edu/music/suzuki). To qualify for assistance, the family must have been enrolled with the Suzuki Strings Program for at least two semesters. Families must apply for Tuition Assistance EACH semester.
• Scholarships are available to a few Singing Strings and Vibrant Violin students who volunteer to be mentors in the Saturday morning group classes. Your scholarship will waive a portion of your tuition for the following semester.

Withdrawals & Refunds

• Students wishing to withdrawal from Suzuki Strings must provide a written notice to Dr. Samara Humbert-Hughes at shumberthughes@mozart.sc.edu including the reason for withdrawal.

• Refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Any refunds are pro-rated minus an 18% processing fee. **No refunds will be issued after the second week of lessons.** Please note that refunds are made by university check and this can take several weeks to process.

• Please note that we count on your attendance for an entire school year unless otherwise note to us.

Private Lesson Attendance & Make-Up Lesson Policy

• Students are required to be present for all private lessons.

• A parent MUST be present at all private lessons

• Please arrive at least 5 minutes early to your private lesson so that you can mentally and physically prepare for your lesson. Please check with your private teacher as to how and when you should enter the lesson room.

• Please bring all of your materials to every lesson (sheet music, books, folders, practice folders, foot charts, instrument, bow, rosin etc.)

• There are no time adjustments for students arriving late to their lessons. Please note: if you are the last lesson of the day and you are more than 10 minutes late your teacher may have left 😊 No refunds will be made for missed lessons.

• Please do not bring a sick child to lessons. It is easier for you to miss one lesson than for your teacher to miss an entire week of teaching. It may be possible to have a Skype or Facetime lesson on a sick day – please check with your private teacher on this matter.

• Siblings are welcome in the lessons if they remain quiet.

• If a lesson is missed by the instructor, the lesson will be made up.

• Please notify your private teacher at least 24 hours in advance if you know you will not be attending your private lesson as this time could be used for a makeup lesson for another student.

• Each student is allowed ONLY ONE makeup lesson per semester provided that the parent provided enough notice to the instructor, however, TEACHERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO GIVE MAKEUP LESSONS MISSED BY STUDENTS. Please check with your private lesson teacher as to how they conduct their makeup lessons. With space at a premium at USC School of Music it is VERY difficult to schedule extra teaching time.
• If you need to reschedule your lesson due to a foreseen future conflict, you may be able to switch with another student in the same studio. Please contact your private teacher regarding how they manage lesson reschedules. Reschedules should be limited to 1 per semester if at all possible.

• In the case of inclement weather and if you feel as though you will be unable to get to your lesson safely, please contact your private teacher immediately. In this scenario, the teacher will do their best to reschedule or make up this lesson. Skype or Facetime lessons could be a possible solution in the event of a “snow day.”

• For those taking lessons at Greene St. Church, please abide by the following:
  o EVERY child must be accompanied to the bathroom by their parent
  o Please do not hang out in the Sanctuary.
  o Parents must supervise children at all times at the church.

Group Lesson Attendance

• Group class lessons are included in your tuition & are part of your learning experience! Group class tuition is not pro-rated or refundable.

• Please arrive 5-10 minutes early so you have time to get ready and your teacher has time to tune everyone. Group classes will begin on time!

• Please bring all of your materials to group class (foot charts, books, rosin, shoulder rests, rockstops, footstools etc.)

• You should strive to attend all group classes and all community performances. Formal performances are mandatory for all students!

• If you are unable to attend group class and/theory class, please email or call your GROUP CLASS teacher so that they can adjust their lesson plans if need be.

• Please NO FOOD OR DRINKS in group class. If you need to enjoy a snack or drink your coffee, please do so in the foyer of the String Project Building, in the lobby of the School of Music, or outside.

Parking

• Please leave extra time to find parking before your private and group class lessons. Sometimes there are events at the Koger Center or at the Coliseum or in downtown and it can be unpredictable with parking.

• There are several meters around the School of Music and there are several parking garages on Park Street. Parking passes are available for the Discovery Parking Garage for $25 for the year but an application must be submitted by August 10th in order to reserve your pass. The application is found on our website.