

# Christa Muller Hendricks

Suzuki Violin Teacher

## Contact

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## Skills

Group and individual instruction

Excellent

Student-centered learning

Excellent

Student Engagement

Excellent

Dynamic Suzuki violin teacher offering 10 years' teaching experience and an extensive training background in Suzuki Violin Units 1-10, including two complete courses of long-term training in Units 1-8. A recipient of the SAA Certificate of Achievement who blends masterful teaching with high levels of student engagement and an instant, deep rapport with children of all ages.

## Work History

2019-06 -  
Current

### Co-Coordinator, SYOA Assistant

*Suzuki Association Of The Americas, Minneapolis, MN*

- Co-Assistant Coordinator for the Suzuki Youth Orchestra of the Americas, Level 1 for the 2020 Conference Team, a position that continues to Co-Coordinator for the 2022 Conference Team.
- The SAA requires some details about the position to remain confidential, but there is a substantial amount of work both in preparation for the Conference and during the event itself.

2017-09 -  
Current

### Director

*Northampton Suzuki Studio, Easthampton, MA*

- Founded a new private studio program, which moved from a rented church space to its current dedicated studio space within its first year of operation.
- Now in its third year, Northampton Suzuki Studio has grown from one day a week to three days a week of operation.

2016-11 -  
Current

### Board Member, Webmaster

*Suzuki Association Of Massachusetts, Boston, MA*

- Monthly 2-hour board meetings September-May
- Build and maintain Suzuki:MA website year-round.
- Additional web work for events throughout the year,
- Create registration forms with reporting and payment integration.
- My time on the board has seen the organization utilize Wufoo and Zoom for the first time, enabling us to meet remotely and handle membership and event registrations and payments in a highly

efficient manner.

2011-09 -  
Current

### **Suzuki Faculty Member**

*Northampton Community Music Center, Northampton, MA*

- Teaching 12-32 weekly private lessons in lengths of 30, 45, and 50 minutes to students in Suzuki books 1-7 (ages 2.5-15).
- Additional teaching includes weekly group class (NCMC's program includes 7.5 levels of weekly violin group; I have experience teaching pre-twinkle, and Books 1-5)
- Coaching beginning and intermediate chamber ensembles at NCMC's summer Chamber Camp.

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## **Education**

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2015-08 -  
2017-05

### **Long-term Teacher Training, Units 1-8 Skype Audit: Suzuki Violin**

*Aber Suzuki Center - Steven's Point, WI*

I participated in two 1.5-hour class meetings per week using Skype video technology, attending alongside UWSP graduate student trainees. Although the SAA has no precedent to credit online audit, I found these two years of training to be the foundation of my teaching practice.

2014-09 -  
2015-06

### **Suzuki Mentoring Program (Practicum): Suzuki Violin**

*Aber Suzuki Center - Stevens Point, WI*

Year-long program including monthly meetings with Pat D'Ercole, directed reading and writing, virtual observations, and the submission of teaching videos for evaluation. As the only participant during my year, I benefitted from additional individualized attention.

2009-08 -  
2011-05

### **Master of Music : Violin Performance With Suzuki Pedagogy Emphasis**

*The Hartt School - Hartford CT*

As a graduate teaching assistant to Teri Einfeldt, I worked extensively with The Hartt School Community

Division's Suzuki department, including the creation and maintenance of the faculty observation schedule used by graduate teacher trainees, management of Suzuki program orchestras, coordination and management of large-scale events including the Hartt Suzuki Workshop, Suzuki Achievement Days, and Hartt Suzuki Institute preparation.

2005-08 -  
2009-05

### **Bachelor of Music: Violin Performance**

*University of Miami Frost School of Music - Coral Gables, FL*

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## **Accomplishments**

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Received SAA Certificate of Achievement, Level 1 (2017)

Video presenter, SAA Parents As Partners 2020 video series

Articles have appeared in SAA e-newsletter (2016, 2019), the American Suzuki Journal (2019), and the Suzuki Association of MA newsletter (2017-2019)

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## **Interests**

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Pre-twinkle (particularly ages 3-5)

Students with diverse learning challenges