

## Reasons Parent enrol their Children in Music Lessons

At a Summer Suzuki Institute, parents expressed their belief that studying music would allow their child to accomplish the following:

- ♪ Improve their focus and concentration.
- ♪ Develop poise and the ability to present themselves in public, whether performing music or speaking.
- ♪ Gain a lifelong love of music.
- ♪ Develop problem-solving skills and a healthy confidence in the face of struggles.
- ♪ Learn to break a complex problem into small, achievable steps.
- ♪ Develop fine-motor skills and good eye-hand coordination.
- ♪ Gain a sense of endless possibility.
- ♪ Find open doors of opportunity.
- ♪ Develop a healthy sense of self-esteem tied to feelings of accomplishment.
- ♪ Learn to strive for excellence.
- ♪ Transfer music's unique learning skill set to other subject matter.
- ♪ Develop an individual "voice" on their instrument that would allow for self-expression.
- ♪ Build self-confidence.
- ♪ Learn to create something beautiful.
- ♪ Develop sensitivity to beauty in the world.
- ♪ Share a positive emotional experience with their parents around the study of music.
- ♪ Learn to manage their time effectively.
- ♪ Choose a social circle of friends who enjoy making music together (which would help them to stay out of trouble during their teen years).
- ♪ Enhance their memorization skills.
- ♪ Become calm and centered.

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