

ISA Suzuki Voice Report 2011

Suzuki Voice Program since 1986



2012 will be the Suzuki Voice Program's 25th Anniversary year. Suzuki Voice Teachers, Suzuki Voice Students and families have been very active throughout these years. Our goal has been **to work together internationally and to follow the personal request of Dr. and Mrs. Suzuki** that children learn to respect and appreciate other cultures and traditions by singing and sharing songs from around the world. We have the same internationally accepted Volumes in different languages so that we are able to sing together when we meet.

During these 25 years we have:

- participated in 40 conferences, conventions and/or workshops. We are very much looking forward to World Convention in Japan in 2013.
- created International “Songs for Sharing” Suzuki Voice workshops
 - **The 10th will be held in Melbourne, Australia January 2012.** Host Katrina Pezzimenti, Penny Adeney and Ainslie Jäckel
 - 2014 in Mexico. Host Aldo A. Guerrero Moreno with the help of Suzuki Voice Teacher Trainers
 - 2016 in New York & Connecticut, USA. Host Amelia Seyssel and Lisa Murray
 - 2018 in Finland. Host Analia Capponi-Savolainen, Mervi Sipola-Maliniemi and Dr. Päivi Kukkamäki
- translated Suzuki Voice Materials into 3—7 languages depending on the Volume.
 - We were promised that Volume One would be published in the first quarter of 2009, but we are still waiting. A new Alfred Publishing representative, Dave Black, is now in charge of the publication process. As the internationally accepted Volumes 1 and 2 have not yet been published, the materials are only available to accredited Suzuki Voice Teachers, accepted Teachers-in-training and their students. Volume 3 translations are in progress. Thank you to Jaume Fargas i Fernández for the editing work. The ISA Suzuki Voice Committee has a list of Suzuki Voice Teachers who are eligible to purchase the materials. The Accredited Suzuki Voice Teachers' list is also in the web-page.
- translated Suzuki Voice **web-pages** into English and Spanish www.suzukivoice.com. Suzuki Voice Web-page in Japanese will be available the end of 2012.
- created an internationally accepted manual for **Suzuki Voice Teacher Training Professional Development** (62 pages). This will be revised annually by Suzuki Voice Teacher Trainers and Level 5 teachers (8 Suzuki Voice Teachers from different countries).

Suzuki Voice Teacher Training will continue:

- in April (Melbourne, Australia) Katrina Pezzimenti
- in June and in February (Vantaa, Finland) Dr. Päivi Kukkamäki, Mette Heikkinen and Analia Capponi-Savolainen
- in August (Stevens Point, Wisconsin, USA) Mary Hofer
- in February and in June (La Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina) Analia Capponi-Savolainen
- Level 5 Suzuki Voice Teacher (ESA Instructor) Analia Capponi-Savolainen (Argentina/Finland) will be recommended December 2011 to be an ESA Suzuki Voice Teacher Trainer.

- Herbert Schrott and Elizabeth Meltzer from USA participated in Unit One Short-Term Course in Wisconsin (SAA).
- We are happy to report that the first Japanese Suzuki Voice Teacher Eriko Shimada (England/Japan) has completed the Level One and Amelia Seyssel (USA) has completed the Level Two Suzuki Voice Teaching Program in Vantaa, Finland (ESA). Both teachers also participated in practicum during winter and summer workshop.
- We have trained Suzuki Voice Teachers from 20 countries.

Suzuki Voice Teacher Trainers Katrina Pezzimenti, Päivi Kukkamäki, Mette Heikkinen and Level 5 Suzuki Voice Teachers Analia Capponi-Savolainen and Mervi Sipola-Maliniemi will recommend that **an additional International Suzuki Voice Teacher Training certification** be presented to teachers starting in the 25th Anniversary year. All Associations (ESA, PPSA and SAA) will maintain their own certification process but an International Certification process will be added. Its purpose will be to continue the unification of Suzuki Teachers around the world including many new countries that are now involved in Suzuki Voice.

Analia Capponi-Savolainen, Mervi Sipola-Maliniemi and Dr. Kukkamäki participated in the ESA Leadership Conference in Cambridge, UK September 17th—19th, 2010. A Suzuki Voice Group traveled to Słupsk, Poland April 2nd—8th, 2011 (recitals, demonstrations, lecture and the press).

The 10th International “Songs for Sharing” Suzuki Voice Workshop will be held in Melbourne, Australia January 2nd—7th, 2012. Workshop activities: Teacher Training, Teaching in Practice in all levels, Teachers’ exams, Opening Concert, Gala Recital, lessons for students and teachers and country presentations and teachers’ meetings.

A new musical by Finnish composer Kimmo Ruotsala “Snow White and Rose Red” has been specially composed to celebrate the 25th Anniversary for the Suzuki Voice Program. The Premiere will take place Autumn 2012 in Finland. The language will be in Finnish and later translated into English and into Spanish.

- The Suzuki Voice Program has had regular opera and musical productions in many countries and this is part of Level 5 study. Many of these productions have been shared between countries and some have involved students and teachers from different countries. This has further enhanced the Suzuki Voice philosophy of "song sharing".
- Many students who started the Suzuki Voice Program during pregnancy are now adults. Singing has become an important part of their life and many are studying voice as a profession (solo, musical theatre, opera or Music science studies).

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On Behalf of Suzuki Voice Teacher Trainers, Suzuki Voice Teachers,
Suzuki Voice Students and Suzuki Voice Families

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