



The National Capital Suzuki School of Music

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SuzukiMusic Senior Academy Presents its Chamber Music and Senior Ensembles Concert at the Shenkman Arts Centre

Thursday, February 24, 2011 – The National Capital Suzuki School of Music (SuzukiMusic) is delighted to announce its inaugural *SuzukiMusic Senior Academy* Chamber Music and Senior Ensembles concert, to be held this year on **March 5th, 2pm at the Shenkman Arts Centre in Orleans.**

This concert gives the school's most senior level students the opportunity to perform on a professional concert stage in a variety of formations to supplement and enrich their musical studies. The program will include instrument-specific ensembles and mixed instrument chamber music groups: Senior Flute Ensemble, Senior Guitar Ensemble, Senior Violin and Viola Ensemble, and the Ottawa Suzuki Cello Orchestra, along with various small chamber music groups of varying instrument combinations. The program will include music from the classical repertoire as well as a few popular music selections from such artists as Coldplay and Leonard Cohen.

The school's newest ensemble, the *Ottawa Suzuki Cello Orchestra (OSCO)*, includes non-Suzuki cellists in addition to SuzukiMusic senior students. Under the artistic direction of Beth Sturdevant, *SuzukiMusic's Senior Academy* aims to create ensembles that see collaboration between music programs across the greater Ottawa-Gatineau area. Based on the success of the OSCO, the *SuzukiMusic Senior Academy* will be extending the program in the fall 2011 to include a senior viola ensemble, with plans to open the flute and guitar ensembles to non-Suzuki students in the near future.



The National Capital Suzuki School of Music gratefully acknowledges the [ARTicipate Endowment Fund](#) for its support in making this event possible.

ABOUT SUZUKIMUSIC SENIOR ACADEMY

Newly introduced in the 2010-2011 school year, the *SuzukiMusic Senior Academy* is a program for senior students with the intention to create ensembles that bridge the gap between music programs throughout the city. By bringing together senior-level students from the greater Ottawa-Gatineau area, it hopes to supplement and enrich students musical studies regardless of their discipline. Featured this year with the *SuzukiMusic Senior Academy* is its newest ensemble, the Ottawa Suzuki Cello Orchestra (OSCO), an ensemble which includes non-Suzuki cellists in addition to SuzukiMusic senior students. Also highlighted in the program are some of the school's top (Suzuki) senior ensembles; the Senior Guitar Ensemble, Senior Flute Ensemble, Senior Violin/Viola Ensemble, and various chamber music groups. Students in the Senior Academy are offered a variety of opportunities to participate in various (instrument related) workshops, student mentoring, outreach concerts, guest teachers, master classes, ensemble, (optional) chamber music, career and school counselling, and artist appreciation.

For more information, please visit www.suzukimusic.ca

EVENT INFO

What SuzukiMusic Chamber Music and Senior Ensembles Concert
When Saturday, March 5, 2011, 2pm
Where Harold Shenkman Hall, Shenkman Arts Centre (245 Centrum Boulevard, Orleans)
Tickets \$15 adults, \$8 students
Available at the Shenkman Arts Centre by **phone** (613-580-2700),
online (www.shenkmanarts.ca) or **in person** at the Box Office (245 Centrum Blvd.)



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