

Suzuki Music Association of California / Los Angeles Branch

Instructions for Violin/Viola Graduation 2023

Graduation Date: Sunday – March 5, 2023

LOCATION:

**Zipper Concert Hall at
The Colburn School
200 S. Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

**11:00 AM CONCERT
Levels 4 and higher
Violin and Viola**

**12:30 PM CONCERT
Levels 1-3
Violin and Viola**

Membership Requirements:

TEACHERS ONLY are required to be members of SMAC/LA.

The GRADUATION REGISTRATION is online. Due to strict tax issues, all payments must be paid online. If a family cannot pay online, we ask that the teacher pay for the family online and collect the money from the family directly.

TEACHERS' TO- DO LIST:

- REGISTRATION and SUBMISSION PERIOD: January 5 – February 5, 2023 (midnight)
- Applications will NOT be accepted after February 5, 2023
- **Please forward all graduation information to your students' families.**
- Prior to the February 5 deadline, prepare **recordings of your graduating students**. PLEASE PREVIEW your student's recording if you are allowing the family to prepare it on their own. See 'Making Graduation Recordings' page.
- EMAIL Sherry Cadow at smeviolin@gmail.com a list of your anticipated Level 8 and higher violin students and ALL violists. Include the name of the second piece submissions for violins levels 9 and up. We would like this information ASAP for programming.
- **Registration Applications, Fees, and Video recordings must be submitted online all at once.**

Fee: To cover the costs of hall rental, certificates, pins, and listeners' time, **a \$44 graduation fee is required for each graduation level. Families will need to register each level separately.** If this is a financial hardship for some families, the teacher should contact Sherry Cadow at smeviolin@gmail.com.

All remaining certificates left after the concert will be sent to the graduates' teachers.

There will be rehearsals for levels 6 and up ONLY on the morning of the concerts.

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM **Rehearsals** for Violin Postgraduates, and Violin Levels 6-10.

Exact times for each level will be arranged beforehand. Details will be available closer to the date.

10:40 AM Level 4 and 5 Violin graduates arrive. (No rehearsals for levels 4 and 5.)

11:00 AM Concert (Levels 4 – 10, and Postgraduate)

12:15 PM Levels 1-3 Violin and ALL VIOLA GRADUATE LEVELS arrive. (No rehearsals for levels 1-3)

12:30 PM Concert (Levels 1 – 3 and all violists)

Concert Dress:

Girls -- Dressy dresses (long or below the knee.)

Skirts (long or below the knee length) and a dressy top.

Black pants and a dressy top

Boys -- Slacks and a dress shirt.

Please, no gym shoes, T-shirts, or jeans

Making Graduation Recordings

Mechanics of Recording: Please use a piano accompaniment with all performances.

Live piano accompaniment is preferred!

If needed, piano accompaniment tracks are provided on the suzukimusiclosangeles.com website under violin graduation. If you do not use the provided audio recordings, please check that you are using a piano accompaniment track and **not with the violinist (Mr. Cerone, Mr. Preucil, Ms. Hahn or Mr. Hadelich).**

NEW! A VIDEO LINK SUBMISSION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL LEVELS.

Please do not send video files, only video links.

YOU TUBE LINKS are highly recommended and preferred.

All registration materials are submitted concurrently online. Comments will be sent back via email.

Please provide a video introduction to your piece. Include name, age, teacher, date, and piece (no specific order.)
Example: My name is _____ and I am _____ years old. My teacher is _____. Today is _____
and I will play _____ by _____.

A student may graduate from a MAXIMUM OF 2 LEVELS at any one graduation. Separate recordings must be made for each level and registered SEPARATELY.

PROCEDURE FOR LEVEL 9 GRADUATES AND HIGHER:

Level 9 graduates and higher are asked to submit an additional video performance of any highly polished piece (under 6 minutes) of his or her choice. This is for programming purposes. The number of upper level soloists increases each year; therefore, a graduate may be asked to perform his/her second piece in order to keep the concerts at a reasonable length.

Violin

- Level 1A Twinkle Variations (all) in tempo
= 88-100 MM (Book 1)
(student should be at least on Allegretto)
- Level 1B Gavotte, Gossec (Book 1)
- Level 2 Minuet, Boccherini (Book 2)
- Level 3 Bourree, Bach (Book 3)
- Level 4 Concerto in A minor, 1st movement,
Vivaldi (Book 4)
- Level 5 Concerto in G minor, 1st movement,
Vivaldi (Book 5)
- Level 6 La Folia, Corelli (Book 6)
- Level 7 Concerto in A minor, 1st and 2nd movements, Bach
(Book 7)
- Level 8 Sonata in E minor, 1st and 2nd movements,
(Largo and Allegro) Veracini (Book 8)
- Level 9 Concerto in D Major, 1st movement,
Mozart (Book 10)
- Level 10 Rondo (G major), Mozart and Sicilienne, Paradis
- Level 11 Chaconne, Vitali (Charlier Edition)
- Level 12 Concerto in E minor, 1st or 3rd movement,
Mendelssohn
- Postgraduate: Any major concerto or composition beyond
Mendelssohn

Viola (USING REVISED BOOKS)

- Level 1A Twinkle Variations (all) in tempo
= 88-100 MM (Book 1)
(Student should be at least on Allegretto.)
- Level 1B Gavotte, Gossec (Book 1)
- Level 2 Minuet, Boccherini (Book 2)
- Level 3 Bourree, Bach (Book 3)
- Level 4 Concerto in G Major, 1st and 2nd movements,
Telemann (Book 4)
- Level 5 (NEW) Any one movement from the
Unaccompanied Cello Suite No.1, Bach AND
"Allegro Risoluto" from the Concerto No3 in
C minor, Seitz. (Book 5)
- Level 6 Concerto in C minor, 1st and 2nd movements,
J.C. Bach (Book 6)
- Level 7 Concerto in B minor, 1st and 2nd movements,
Handel/Casadesus (Book 7)
- Level 8 Romanze, Op. 85 M.Bruch/D.Preucil (Book 8)

Please contact Sherry Cadow if you have viola graduates beyond Level 8.

Listener-commentators will listen to each recording and make comments on the students' playing based on the following criteria used by Dr. Suzuki: **(Please take the time to review the listener's comments with your students.)**

- a)Tone (including vibrato for Levels 4 and up) b)Intonation c)Rhythm d)Tempo e) Musical interpretation

After your students have registered, paid the graduation fee, and pasted their graduation video submission, the link will be forwarded to the appropriate listener. The family and teacher will receive a confirmation that we have received their graduation materials approximately one week after registering.

Anyone at any time can join the SMAC-LA Violin/Viola Graduation Event; however, starting this year, any new incoming graduate must have completed Level 1 and up to be invited to play a solo at Level 9 at the graduation concert. Any families that have already participated with the SMAC/LA graduations are exempt from the new rule. This is to deter submissions for the sole purpose of playing a solo in a large venue which is not the mission of the Suzuki Graduations. Please read the Suzuki Graduation description below.

In May of 1979, SMAC/LA initiated a thrilling graduation event for violin students, inspired by Dr. Suzuki's graduations held annually in Japan. Japanese concerts, included about three thousand children. Ours, while smaller, have been very beautiful and exciting for the families involved. The number of violin graduates has more than tripled since our first graduation peaking at more than 250 participants. The graduation process is designed to enhance the development of the performer. Accuracy of rhythm, pitch, articulation, and musical artistry are reviewed and constructive comments are given by selected teachers in the area. The Suzuki Graduations give students recognition on completing milestones in their journey of violin study. It also inspires the younger performers to reach the highest levels of playing.

If your student accidentally skipped a level in 2022, you will be contacted so they know to submit the missing level in 2023. Graduation levels should be completed in order.

CHECKLIST

Families must submit the following CONCURRENTLY at suzukimusiclosangeles.com during the submission period January 5 - midnight February 5, 2023:

- Fill out the graduation application
- Pay the \$44 registration fee
- Paste their graduation link(s)

Note: there will be a separate field for the introduction if not included with the performance.

Thank you for supporting the 2023 SMAC-LA Violin/Viola Graduation!!

Sincerely,
Sherry Cadow and Liz Arbus - Graduation Coordinators