

SUBJECT: SUZUKI TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

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Suzuki training course is a teachers training which focuses on training teachers on how to teach music to children and to work with children as young as 3 years old and above. This course runs in three sessions, it started in April then August and the last session will be in December. Our trainer on this course is Miss Karen Kimmitt originally from Canada and the courses are being held in Harare Zimbabwe.

The Suzuki course has tremendously opened so many doors in my teaching, solving teaching problems especially on how to work with young children/ parents and everyone involved.

During the courses, we are taught steps on how to develop or nurture children into good musicians and one of the steps being the development of muscle memory in a child; this is a powerful component in children's learning process and amongst all things, is the sense of touch that emanates into love and care for the child. We also have individual lessons where we learn violin techniques and playing with good tone.

Teaching group classes is one of the characteristics of the course; this is all about bringing children together of different races and religions to help them learn to appreciate each other's efforts through music. We also observe classes during the courses and our trainer does get to assess us each course by giving us an opportunity to teach individual as well as group lessons while she sits back and observe our teaching.

From the bottom of my heart I would like to say my endless thank you to Muze Trust for sponsorship on this course, giving me an opportunity to be among the teachers being trained on how to work with young children. The skills I have acquired so far have made my teaching in the academy so much better in most aspects where teaching is concerned, a big thank you to Muze once more.