

INTERNATIONAL SUZUKI ASSOCIATION



Dear Suzuki Flute colleagues,

In October the ISA Flute committee had its annual meeting, in Auckland New Zealand.

We would like to share the results of this meeting in this update.

During this meeting were present Julia Breen, PPSA Flute representative, Kelly Williamson, SAA Flute representative, Takeaki Miyamae TERI Flute representative and Anke van der Bijl, Chair and ESA representative.

Takeaki Miyamae was granted an exception to the residence rule by the ISA board and from now on has a full vote as TERI representative.

First of all we are very pleased to announce that we have finalized the new edition of Suzuki Flute Book 1. Also the recording of the Book 1 repertoire by Lorna McGhee and Vahan Sargsyan has been made. We hope this publication including the recording will soon be in production and available to you all. At this moment the committee is working on the revision of Suzuki Flute Book 2.

A questionnaire with pending issues and some questions about Book 2 repertoire will soon be sent to Suzuki Flute Teacher Trainers.

Also we will invite other feedback from these Teacher Trainers concerning content, teaching points and other topics arising from our current remaining Suzuki Flute Repertoire.

We sincerely value your input.

The ISA Flute committee intends to maintain good communications within the international Suzuki Flute community and will keep you updated of further developments.

Our ISA webpage will be updated shortly, so you can visit us at <http://internationalsuzuki.org/flute.htm>.

It is with sadness that we inform you of the peaceful passing away of our beloved colleague David Gerry on December 4th. David was appointed a teacher trainer for the Suzuki Association of the Americas, the European Suzuki Association and the International Suzuki Association in 1992. In 2008, along with his doctoral advisor Laurel Trainor, he received an award from the Grammy Foundation to support a research project focusing on the Suzuki ECE program (SECE). This research earned him a PhD in music cognition from McMaster University's Institute for Music and the Mind (MIMM). With his joyful and humorous approach, David inspired countless teachers, parents, and students around the globe. He was recognized with numerous teaching awards, including the 2014 "Excellence in Teaching" Award for the Humanities from the McMaster University Students' Union, and a Creating Learning Community Award from the SAA in 2017. The latter was awarded in recognition of David's "Unique Contributions to Suzuki Teaching". David died at Dr. Bob Kemp hospice in Hamilton after a month-long battle with adenocarcinoma. Our Suzuki Flute community will miss David very much.

The ISA Flute Committee further wishes you all a healthy, musical and inspiring 2018 .

Anke van der Bijl
Julia Breen
Takeaki Miyamae
Kelly Williamson