ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The program will consist of orchestra class and private lessons. The Intermediate and SSO orchestras will meet on Tuesdays this year. Mr. Talor Smith will be the teacher/conductor for both orchestras. Intermediate orchestra meets at 4:30 and the SSO meets at 5:30 in room 032. Private lessons will be scheduled Monday through Thursday by the assigned teacher. Cost for the program is $70 per semester for weekly orchestra class and $10 per half hour for 13 weekly private lessons. The total cost of one semester will be $200.

Classes begin the week of Sept 3rd at the Catlett Music Center located on the campus of the University of Oklahoma. A parent-child meeting will be held August 21st in Room 124 of the Catlett Music Center, at 5:30 p.m.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Directed by Dr. Beth Sievers, Instructor at the University of Oklahoma, and assisted by OU string education and performance majors, the Sooner String Project is a program that offers quality string education at an affordable price. Currently in our 13th year, the program enrolls students from Moore, Noble, Blanchard, and Newcastle, as well as private and home-schooled children from the Oklahoma City metroplex.

If you interested in enrolling in the Sooner String Project, please contact:
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BACKGROUND

The Sooner String Project began in the fall of 2001 as a part of the American String Teachers Association String Project Consortium. The Sooner String Project was designed to serve as a service-learning program in which young children are given the opportunity to learn to play a string instrument on the OU Campus. Under supervision, the teachers of this program are OU undergraduate and graduate Instrumental Music Education and Performance majors. The program provides invaluable hands-on experiences for these young teachers.

CLASS INFORMATION

Dr. Beth Sievers, Director of the Sooner String Project and Professor of String Pedagogy, with over 25 years of teaching experience, serves as our Master Teacher, meeting the needs of each student as well as providing an excellent role model for both teachers and students alike.

This program structure provides elementary, secondary, and college students the opportunities to share their musical talents.

An important aspect of the Sooner String Project is that the fees are kept very low, so that every child who wishes to participate can do so. Currently, weekly orchestra classes cost $70 per semester, and 13 weekly private lessons cost $10 per half hour, bringing the total cost for each semester to $200.

We offer Beginner Classes for children ages 4-6 as well as ages 7-10. The Beginner Suzuki Class meets Mondays at 5:30 pm, and the traditional Beginner Class meets twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. The first class will be on Monday, September 9th.

For many of our students, the instruction received at the Sooner String Project is the only instruction available to them, as their public or private school does not provide string instruction.

We at the Sooner String Project are very aware of the importance of keeping tuition as low as possible so that all students that have an interest in learning to play the violin, viola, cello, or bass have that opportunity, regardless of socioeconomic background. Limited scholarship money is available for families that need financial assistance. Contact Dr. Sievers for more information.