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Harrisburg Academy to Serve as Pennsylvania Suzuki Institute Host Site

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Harrisburg Academy is pleased to welcome the 2016 Pennsylvania Suzuki Institute to campus from July 24 to 30. The week-long summer program will draw more than 250 students, young adults, teacher trainees, and their families from across the country and the world. The Institute provides musicians the opportunity to experience joy in making music in small chamber ensembles and full orchestras.

The Pennsylvania Suzuki Institute is an official Institute of the Suzuki Association of the Americas and is sponsored by The Central Pennsylvania Suzuki Association. Violinists, violists, and cellists of various ages and ability levels are invited to participate.

“I am so appreciative of the wonderful cooperation working with everyone at Harrisburg Academy and am excited the school will host our program,” said Institute co-director and former Academy faculty member and student, Barbara Lewis. “It will be a memorable musical week for our young children, developing teenagers, and inspired teachers to grow and learn.”

The Suzuki method of teaching music was conceived in the mid-20th century by Japanese violinist, Dr. Shinichi Suzuki. The central belief of this method is that all people can and will learn from their environment, and that creating the right environment for learning music is fundamental to a young musician’s success. Suzuki contended that a child learns to speak before he or she learns to read, and similarly, there is value in learning to play music by ear before learning to read and play it from musical notation.

Harrisburg Academy has several students participating in the Pennsylvania Suzuki Institute, including Ceci R. '26, Mason R. '24, and Ryma S. '26. Alumna Mary Russek '12 (the 2011 PMEA State Orchestra Concertmaster and a 2016 graduate of the University of Rochester’s Eastman School of Music) is attending the Institute to participate in the teacher training portion of the week.

Established in 1784, Harrisburg Academy is the 17th oldest non-public school in the nation and Harrisburg’s only independent school. Our coed, diverse school community inspires students from age three through 12th grade by providing an academically challenging and globally minded liberal arts education focused on dynamic classroom experiences, strong student outcomes, and a commitment to character development. The Academy proudly stands as the first school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and merit scholarship.

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