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35 Years of  
Music

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Elizabeth Meyer, *viola*

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Nancy Sirivanakarn, *violin*

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Margaret Twining, *cello*

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May 19, 2007

Dear CCSA Families:

Enclosed you will find all of the necessary registration materials for the fall. Please read all of the materials carefully, as always there are several changes.

By now you should have received a letter from the CCSA Board of Directors explaining our tuition increase. To offset this increase we are giving families the option of fundraising to help reduce their tuition. **Families who participate in our fundraising efforts will be able to reduce their tuition by up to 50%.** Enclosed in this packet, you will find a fundraising information page. This page describes our fundraising activities during the upcoming year. In September, we will be selling flower bulbs. You will receive a fundraising packet from your private instructor the first week of lessons.

We are in the process of conducting a national search to replace Nancy. We will keep you updated as to the progress over the summer. Nancy's students should register as normal and your new instructor will contact you in the fall.

One focus of the upcoming year is to continue to develop our mentoring program. Older, more advanced students are paired with younger students to practice once or twice a month. In the past, about ten students have participated in this program and the results were very positive. You can sign your child up to take part in this program on the registration form.

Earlier this year, we began our new Suzuki Guitar program with Pat Valencia. If you have a child who is interested in guitar or know someone who would be interested please contact the CCSA office. Also new this year is our String Band class with me and Oren Tikkanan. Oren is a wonderful folk musician and will be accompanying this class as well as teaching various folk styles. **The String Band class is open to all CCSA string students who have completed the first half of book one. This includes violins, violas, cellos, and guitars. Cellists, if you've ever wanted to learn to "fiddle" here's your chance!**

If you have any questions regarding the registration materials please call me at 487-3606 or e-mail me at [ecmeyer@mtu.edu](mailto:ecmeyer@mtu.edu). You may also wish to visit our website at [www.coppercountrysuzuki.org](http://www.coppercountrysuzuki.org) where you can find registration materials as well as schedule and performance updates. **Your completed registration form must be returned to me no later than August 26<sup>th</sup>.** You don't need to send payment now; you will receive a bill in September. Scheduling is on a first come, first served basis and sending in your materials early will aid in getting the lesson time of your choice. Your private instructor will be contacting you regarding lesson times shortly before classes begin. Lessons and group classes will begin on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

Libby Meyer, *Executive Director*  
Copper Country Suzuki Association