

Catching Up with CCSA Grads: Lena Sutter

"Music always has and always will be a huge part of my life, and it started with CCSA ten years ago in 1998. Though I can't say I've always practiced as much as I should've, I can say that playing violin has always been good for me. Whether it was just to push myself a little harder, learn a little self-discipline, or just play and relax.

"I am now at a new high school, Conserve School, and taking Instrumental Ensemble along with other classes. My instructor here said I have 'a great foundation in music' (all thanks to Suzuki!). Violin means the world to me because it's my beginning in music, and especially lately music has been my best way of calming down or taking a break from studying. It also opens so many doors to meet new people. I've made a lot of friends through the music program at my new school that I wouldn't have otherwise made and met a lot of cool people in CCSA as well.

"Thank you to all the Copper Country Suzuki instructors and students."

Lena Sutter was a CCSA student from 1997 through 2007.

Attention Parents & Friends: Start Fiddling Around!

Beginning January 6th, we will be offering an Adult Beginner Fiddling class on Tuesday afternoons at the Finnish-American Heritage Center. Call the CCSA office at 487-3606 for details. Instrument rental will be available.

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Dear Friends,

Our students and teachers have shared their music through 12 community performances since September. These included playing at schools in Houghton, Hancock, and Calumet; the Carnegie Museum; and the senior residences of Our Lady of Mercy, Portage Pointe, and the Bluffs. The Bluffs was the site of our seventh annual Halloween Recital — an especially memorable costumed event featuring repertoire that spanned the entire Suzuki violin series, from Twinkle Variation A in Book One to Mozart's Violin Concerto in D Major in Book Ten.



With your support, children and adults in the Copper Country continue to have the opportunity to learn music and share it with others. This is an achievement of which we all can be very proud.

As always, thank you for your support.

Susan

Susan Dlutkowski
CCSA Board President



Poor Artists' Sale,
Calumet HS Gym

December 6 • 1:00pm

CCSA Holiday Recital,
McArdle Theater – MTU

December 10 • 6:30pm

**Keweenaw Community
Foundation Fundraiser,**

Rozsa Lobby – MTU
January 14 • 6:30pm

**Heikinpäivä Parade &
Market Performance,**

First United Methodist
Church, Hancock
January 17 • 11:30am

Solo Recital,
Chapel of St. Matthew,

Finlandia University
January 25 • 2:00pm

**Annual Low Strings
Extravaganza: Viola/Cello**

Solo Recital,
The Bluffs

February 18 • 6:30pm

**KYSO / Reading
Orchestra / Adult**

Orchestra Concert
February 28 • see details
below



**Keweenaw Youth Symphony Orchestra,
CCSA Preparatory Strings, and Adult Orchestra**

Winter Concert • Maggie Twining, conductor
Saturday, February 28 • 7:30pm

Finnish-American Heritage Center, Finlandia U.
Music of Britten, Bizet, Kreisler, Vivaldi, Copland &
more! • [Free Admission](#)

Student Spotlight: Seth & Ellie Helman

Seth Helman is 8 years old; this is his fifth year in CCSA and he is in Book 2. He is a 3rd grader at Houghton. Ellie is 6 years old and this is her third year with CCSA. She is in the 1st grade. The Helmans are one of eight CCSA families who have more than one child enrolled in the program.

Was playing the violin your choice, or your parents'?

Seth: Definitely my parents'.

Ellie: My Mom's, because Seth plays, too.

How often do you play?

Seth: At least every other day for about 30 minutes. I have to practice piano, too, so sometimes I run out of time.

Ellie: Almost every day — for a couple minutes.

Do you enjoy reading orchestra? (This is Seth's third and Ellie's first year.)

Seth: I love it! It is one of my favorite things about violin.

Ellie: It's hard.

What is your favorite piece to play?

Seth: Any fiddle song and "Allegretto."

Ellie: "O, Come Little Children" or "Long, Long Ago."

What do you like to do when you're not playing violin?

Seth: Play soccer and play the piano.

Ellie: Play the piano and draw.

Is the rest of your family musical?

Seth: Alex [their brother] used to play piano, Ian [another brother] plays piano and trumpet, my Dad is a really good piano player, and my Mom doesn't really play an instrument.

Ellie: Everyone but my Mom.

What do you enjoy most about playing?

Seth: Moving my fingers and mastering a new song.

Ellie: Playing for anyone that comes over to my house.

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Seth: Rock.

Ellie: Hannah Montana.



Seth and Ellie with Trixie



CCSA students at the Halloween Recital



KYSO woodwinds in action

Suzuki Milestones!

Congratulations to Sarah Dix, who recently finished Book 1, violin. And special recognition goes to Carrie Dlutkowski, who recently completed the entire Suzuki violin course when she passed Book 10. Well done, Sarah and Carrie!



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