



Wendy Seravalle-Smith **Strings**

Wendy Seravalle-Smith holds a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Western Ontario, and she also has had extensive training through the Suzuki Association of the Americas in violin, viola and cello. She studied violin with Yuri Mazurkevich and Sandra Stark, viola with Ralph Aldrich, and cello with Susan Gagnon and she also spent three months in Matsumoto, Japan where she studied violin technique and performance with Dr. Shinichi Suzuki.

Wendy Seravalle-Smith directed a Suzuki program at the Toronto Montessori Schools and is currently director of the Thornhill School of Suzuki String Teaching where she teaches violin, viola and cello. She has also been a guest teacher at Suzuki programs in a number of centres in southern Ontario and has served on the board of the Ontario Suzuki Association of which she has also been the archivist. Wendy has been on the violin and viola faculty of Ithaca Suzuki Institute, the American Suzuki Institute in Wisconsin, the Ottawa Kansas Suzuki Institute, Montreal Suzuki Institute, Southwestern Ontario Suzuki Institute and the National Music Camp in Orillia.

Wendy specializes in Suzuki teaching supported by the materials and examination system of the Royal Conservatory of the Music and has taught since 1979. She has been a strings examiner for Royal Conservatory since 1998 and has adjudicated strings at music festivals throughout Canada.

As a freelance violinist and violist, she performs as a soloist and in ensembles. She has been a member of the Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra (viola), and has also played violin with the Pickering Philharmonic, Oshawa Symphony, York Chamber Ensemble, and violin and viola with the York Symphony Orchestra.

Wendy has presented about Skype teaching, and Royal Conservatory exams and the Suzuki student at SAA conferences and about Skype teaching in Germany. Wendy served on the organizing committee for 2016 and 2018 SAA conference in Minneapolis. She has attended Suzuki conferences in Europe including first European Suzuki Viola Gathering in 2018.

She is a member of the Suzuki Association of the Americas, the Ontario Suzuki Association, Canadian Viola Society, American Viola Society, Ontario Registered Music Teachers of Ontario, and the Canadian Music Festivals Adjudicators Association.

Wendy adjudicated the string classes at Queens County Music Festival in 2013.