



Celebrating 30 Years of the International Research Symposium on Talent Education

The International Research Symposium on Talent Education (IRSTE) is celebrating our 30th anniversary! IRSTE will be taking place in Minneapolis on May 21 and 22, 2020. We welcome all Suzuki teachers, parents, researchers, and interested conference attendees to join us for two days of research presentations and workshops focusing on excellence in Suzuki teaching and learning.

Day One will focus on presenting the latest scholarly research relevant to Suzuki teaching. We are very pleased to welcome back Dr. Beatriz Ilari, a university professor, researcher, and Suzuki parent who gave our 2018 lecture. Her 2020 keynote *Does Participation in Formal Music Education Programs Enhance Children's Prosocial Skills?* will be followed by an interactive discussion session where we bring together researchers and practitioners to brainstorm research questions and talk about applying study results. Attendees will also hear numerous presentations throughout the afternoon

about music-related research on topics like motivation, self-regulation, and parent education.

In honor of IRSTE's 30th anniversary, **Day Two** has been made open to *all SAA Conference participants* for the first time in our history! The program curates a selection of "news you can use" by focusing on how research evidence can be applied in the Suzuki teaching studio. IRSTE co-director Dr. Kate Einarson will present a two-part workshop focused on evidence-based pedagogical principles for preschoolers and young children as well as strategies teachers can use in the instrumental studio. A final session will feature short talks about projects with practical applications for teachers.

Symposium registration is now open via the SAA website. The 2020 symposium will kick off at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21 and conclude at noon on Friday, May 22. For more information, please visit IRSTE.org. We hope you will join us for this exciting anniversary celebration of research excellence!



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