

## RESOURCES – expenses, stores, books, and more

### Possible Expenses (costs are estimates)

\* = beginning essentials

Equipment	*Violin, bow, case	Good condition small student instrument with bow and case will cost about \$200 - \$400. Small instruments can also be rented. A basic full-size instrument will range \$500 - \$1000.
Books/recordings	*Suzuki book	\$10
	*Suzuki CD	\$20
	String Builder book	\$10
	Theory for Beginners book by Barbara Wharram	\$20 (usually used from 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of lessons onward)
	Technique books (for students with 3+ years of experience)	\$10 - 20 (one or two books per year may be requested at the upper level of playing)
Supplies	*Shoulder rest	\$10 - \$40 (depending on what fits best) Usually: "Fiddle friends" (purchase at the soundpost) for small violins, Kun rest for half-size+ violins
	Metronome/tuner	\$30 - \$40
	Strings (recommended brand: Dominant)	When strings break or fray – usually every two or three years. Individual strings cost about \$5-15 depending on string. A set will cost about \$30.
	Bow rehair	Every two to three years for full-size bows (smaller bows' hair can often be cleaned instead of replaced) - Costs about \$50
	*Pencils	\$1 - Please write in pencil ONLY in your music!
	*Pen and notebook	\$2+ - For the parent to keep track of lessons
	Music stand	\$15 - \$50 depending on brand
	*Rosin	\$5-10 (Hill brand rosin is a good basic rosin)

### Stores and Websites

Music Circle, 4822 Boulevard St-Jean (514) 696-8742	Suzuki books and CDs, some violin strings and accessories
Wilder and Davis - 289-0849, 257 Rachel East	Instruments, bows, repair, rehairs, rentals, accessories, resale of instrument (will take only very good condition instruments)
Charette et Cossette Charette & Cossette Luthiers, 7189 Chateaubriand, (514) 844-3848	Violin purchase, rental, and repair
Italmelodie, 274 Jean-Talon Est, (514) 273-3224, info@italmelodie.com	Violin rental
Saint-Michel Jules Luthier Inc, 57 rue Ontario, Ouest, (514) 288-4343	Tuners and other electronic accessories (very good prices), strings etc. Best price for combined metronome and tuner.
Archambault - 849-6201, 500 Sainte-Cath St E	Suzuki books and CDs, Classical CDs, sheetmusic, accessories
The Sound Post: www.thesoundpost.com 1-800-363-1512	Order strings etc over the phone, soon online too (To order box violin: call 1-800-363-1512, ask for sales, ask for item VX1)
Shar Music (US): <a href="http://www.sharmusic.com">www.sharmusic.com</a>	Online order of books, strings, etc.
Amazon.ca	Suzuki books, technique books

## BOOKS

(first 3 books available at the Point-Claire library; others through Archambault, The Sound Post, or Amazon)

<i>An introduction to the Suzuki method</i> by the Suzuki Method International
<i>A Suzuki parent's diary : or, How I survived my first 10,000 twinkle.</i> by Carroll Morris
<i>To Learn with Love</i> by William Star
<i>Helping Parents Practice</i> by Ed Sprunger (will arrive at the library soon)
<i>Ability Development from Age Zero</i> by Shinichi Suzuki
<i>They're rarely too young and never too old to twinkle</i> by Kay Collier Slone

## OTHER

### Sharing your music with others – Home Concerts, Recordings, and Festivals

In addition to the two Suzuki concerts every year, I suggest that every student arrange a private concert to play in front of family and/or friends each year. I think it is a great experience to share one's music. **A CD for family or friends** makes a great present. Sharing your music at a nursing home or other facility is also rewarding. There is also the opportunity to participate in music festivals like the **QMEA Music Festival**: (usually held at McGill and FACE high school in May) or to take a **McGill conservatory or Royal Conservatory exam**.

**Why learn how to play an instrument?** Check out this national geographic article about the benefits of music for your brain: <http://www.cangeo.ca/magazine/jf06/alacarte.asp#online>