

# EXPANDING & CONNECTING LEARNING COMMUNITIES



IMPACT REPORT  
2024



**Suzuki Association**  
of the **Americas**

# WELCOME!

Dear Friends,

These last two years, the Suzuki Association of the Americas (SAA) has made significant strides in our mission of creating learning communities across Latin America, the United States and Canada. We are so deeply appreciative of the support of you - the teachers, parents, board members, businesses, and students who make up the SAA. With your incredible momentum our community:

- **Raised \$15,460 toward scholarships** for members of the SAA to propel Dr. Suzuki's mission forward.
- Recruited and **added 1,930 new members** in the last 2 years!
- **Engaged 3,752 teachers, artists, and leaders attending the 2024 SAA Conference** - our largest conference to date!

However, our work is far from complete. Our goals for the upcoming year include growing membership even more, broadening member offerings, and expanding teacher education. From the bottom of our hearts, we are sincerely grateful for your steadfast support for the Suzuki Association of the Americas - and in keeping Dr. Shinichi Suzuki's vision alive.

*"Where love is deep, much can be accomplished."*

With gratitude,

*Kerri Williams*

*Angelica Cortez*



**Kerri Williams**

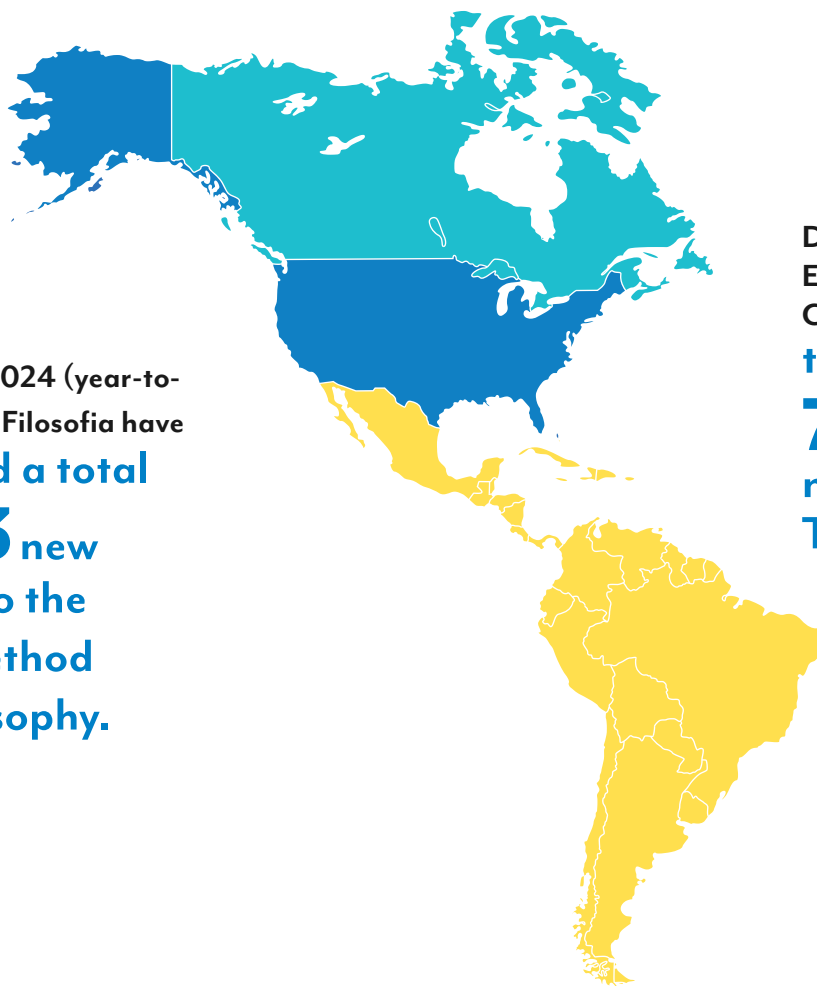
Chair of the Board of Directors



**Angelica Cortez**


Executive Director

# MEASURING OUR IMPACT ACROSS THE AMERICAS

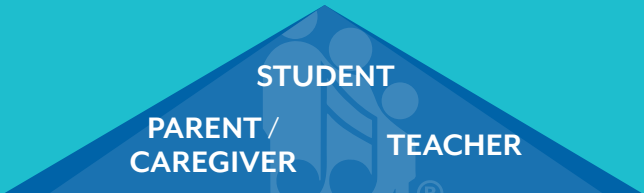


For 2023 and 2024 (year-to-date) ECC and Filosofia have introduced a total of **2143** new teachers to the Suzuki Method and Philosophy.


During 2023, the Every Child Can Course (ECC) trained **785** new Suzuki Teachers.



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of the Americas**



**STUDENT**  
**PARENT / CAREGIVER**      **TEACHER**



**COMMUNITY**      **SUZUKI PHILOSOPHY**      **LEARNING**

The Suzuki Association of the Americas improves the quality of life in the Americas through Suzuki education. We create a learning community, which embraces excellence and nurtures the human spirit.

*“Receiving support from the SAA helped me to take training courses for Suzuki ECE and trumpet, in my country of Brazil. Now I am teaching and working with a lot of students and furthering Dr. Suzuki’s message. **We are Suzuki.**”*

**–Pedro Azevedo,  
Teacher Scholarship Recipient**



# EXPANDING & CONNECTING COMMUNITIES!

## SAA CONFERENCE IN LOUISVILLE, 2024

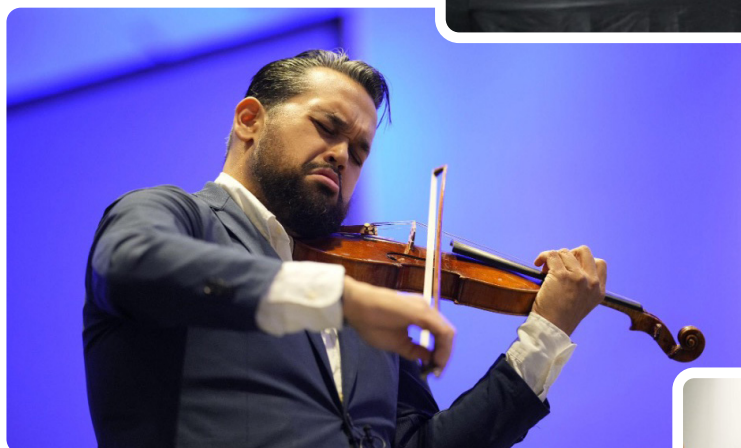
March 2024 heralded a return to in-person conferences and a new partnership with the American String Teachers Association.

### Highlights of the conference included:

- An engaging opening keynote address from renowned violinist, speaker and citizen-artist **Vijay Gupta**
- Presentations, panel and performance with the **Sphinx Virtuosi**
- An incredible closing ceremony featuring **student performances from across the Americas!**



*The Sphinx Virtuosi give a dazzling performance on Friday night of the SAA Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.*



*Vijay Gupta performs Hallelujah during the Opening Keynote address at the 2024 Suzuki Association of the Americas Conference.*

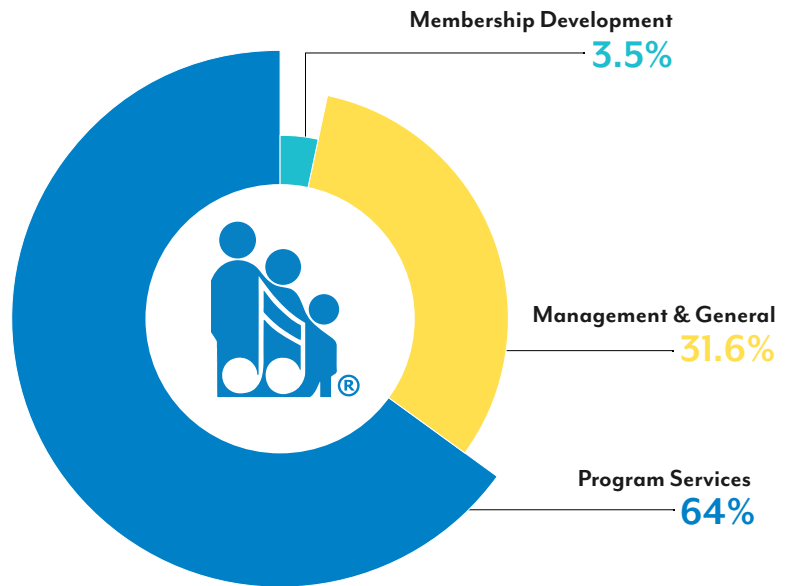


*Flute students performing in the Suzuki Association of the Americas closing ceremony.*

# WE ARE NURTURED: BALANCING THE BUDGET, EXPANDING PROGRAMMING

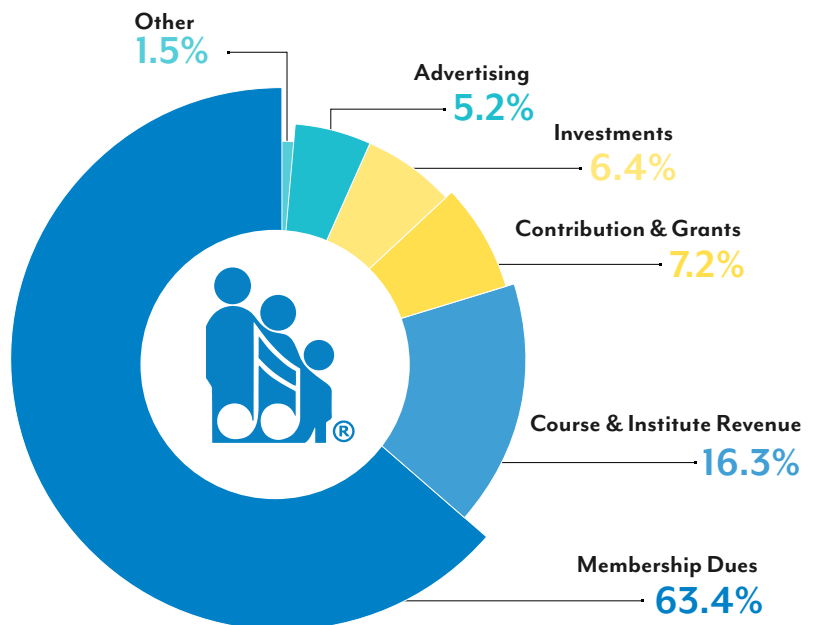
## FY 23 Expenses

Program Services	\$436,474
Management & General	\$212,418
Membership Development	\$23,395
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$672,287</b>



## FY 23 Revenue

Membership Dues	\$464,887
Course & Institute Revenue	\$119,662
Contributions & Grants	\$52,805
Investments	\$47,180
Advertising	\$37,791
Other	\$10,698
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$733,023</b>



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# AN APPRECIATION FOR BEAUTY AND CULTIVATION

The Suzuki Association of the Americas would like to thank the following Premier Business Members for their support this year!:



CONNOLLY  
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*Renowned performer Sirena Huang demonstrates during the violin masterclass.*

*Keynote speaker Vijay Gupta with Yumi Kendall, assistant principal cello and Joseph Conyers, principal bass, of the Philadelphia Orchestra during a live taping of the Tacet No More Podcast.*

The Suzuki Association has had an incredible year building community partnerships with organizations including:



*Teacher trainer Tanya Carey with an engaged cello student during the conference.*



*The board of directors of the Suzuki Association of the Americas took a brief moment for a photo opportunity!*



# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

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