

2024 Boone Suzuki Workshop

Registration is now open for the 6th Annual Boone Suzuki Guitar Workshop taking place Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20, 2024. We will be meeting almost a month later than our dates last year so the weather should be that much nicer. Bring some fishing gear and get a license!

As usual we will be running our workshop concurrently with the Appalachian GuitarFest at Appalachian University. This is an international guitar festival which brings in artists from all over the world to compete as well as offers concerts and workshops. It promises to be a great event. We have arranged the Boone Suzuki Guitar Workshop schedule so that our students can enjoy both events and come back inspired!

There is a lot of information below, so here is your summary “to do list” to prepare for the Boone Suzuki Guitar Workshop:

1. Get registered (See 1. Registration below in this email), either the full \$150 registration or the reduced \$90 for Twinklers (see New Twinklers Program For Our Very Young Guitarists in this email). **Remember the April 8 registration deadline.**
2. Book your hotel (see 2. Hotels)
3. Respond to the email with your child’s T-shirt size (see 3. T-Shirts)
4. Decide on whether you need extra concert tickets (see 4. Concerts)
5. Find out whether your child is interested in the guitar competition (see 5. Competition and also the competition information on the GuitarFest Registration page)
6. If you are arriving Friday (highly recommended) decide on the parking option you want for that day (see 6. Schedule)
7. Get your child started on “Lesson for Two Lutes” from Suzuki Guitar Book 4. This is a multi-level piece that possibly even some Twinklers may be able to join in on. (see 7. Workshop Music)
8. Consider staying for unscheduled fun on Sunday (see 6. Schedule and this email’s PS)

1 - REGISTRATION

Here is the link for registration – you will need to follow the instructions and take just a minute to set up an iris account: <https://music.appstate.edu/guitarfest>. Hit the GuitarFest registration link on the left of this home page and select the “GuitarFest Full/Suzuki* Registration \$150” (unless your child is a Twinkler – see below).

Please be aware that there is an **April 8 registration deadline** for the Boone Suzuki Guitar Workshop to insure a properly scheduled lesson time for your child and for ordering a T-shirt for this year. Do not confuse this with the later deadline for registration for the Appalachian GuitarFest.

NEW TWINKLERS PROGRAM FOR OUR VERY YOUNG GUITARISTS

This year we are offering a special program for our very young guitarists (ages 3-6) who play just the beginning stages of Twinkle or can play only Twinkle. It will be taught by Mr. Kossler. These students will be scheduled two group classes and will participate in the final concert. They will also be free to visit the art elective and Guitar Making electives throughout the day when and if they so desire.

Because they will not receive individual private lessons, Twinklers will be paying a reduced registration fee of \$90 that is usually reserved for auditors. Parents of these students select the “Auditor/Vendor Registration \$90” on the GuitarFest registration page.

Parents are reminded not to in any way pressure children at this age into any of these activities. Just having them there and letting this be a “risk-free” and fun environment is important. If all they do is just observe what is going on, they will be learning volumes! It might take the first year of just having fun observing and eating the breakfast waffles at the hotel to open the door for their participation the following year!

2 – HOTELS

The registration link given above also has hotel information. The hotels have been slow getting this information to the University, so check this link again later for hotel information if it is not immediately available.

3 - T-SHIRTS

Please respond to this email with a T-shirt size for your child **after you have registered**. Unfortunately, we can only provide t-shirts for registered students, not for unregistered parents or siblings. Since we are now a university event, our Winston Salem Suzuki School is paying for these T-Shirts (no additional fee to you for this). All our students need a T-shirt! Add the information below when you respond to this email:

Size number of shirts (one per registered child)

child small x _____

child medium x _____

child large x _____

adult small x _____

adult medium x _____

adult large x _____

4 - CONCERTS

This year you will hear concerts by virtuoso guitarists Rene Izquierdo, Adam Kossler, Elliot Frank, and a Saturday night special concert by Snarky Puppy at the Shaeffer Center! Snarky Puppy is all the rage at the moment, check them out at <https://www.snarkypuppy.com>.

Important: The concerts by GuitarFest faculty mentioned above are ticketed events. Students registered with the Appalachian GuitarFest (either track, GuitarFest or Suzuki) have free admission to all GuitarFest ticketed events along with one accompanying adult for free. For admitting others to these events, it is important to understand that **payment cannot be made at the door of the concert**. Instead, there is separate single event registration of \$30 per event that can be made on-line at the Registration page of the Appalachian 2024 GuitarFest website. Select the "App State

Student/Alumni/Faculty Registration \$30" for this. This must be done ahead of time, in advance of the concert.

The above policy does not apply to the Snarky Puppy concert Saturday night taking place in the Schaefer Center on Saturday night April 20 at 7:30pm (this is not an official GuitarFest event). We were able to get Suzuki Workshop registrants one ticket for this concert - however - any additional tickets will need to be purchased for accompanying adults or children. This can be done by visiting the GuitarFest registration page and selecting the "App State Student/Alumni/Faculty Registration \$30" for this single event. Tickets to this concert are limited and available on a first come first served basis. Buy your extra tickets ahead of time!

5 - THE GUITAR COMPETITION

To avoid the problem we faced last year of our youngest students having to compete against older students, a new Division IV for grades five and under has been added. Check out the GuitarFest competition information at the GuiarFest link given above. Keep in mind that the main purpose of the competition is to offer our students a challenge to polish several pieces to a "higher than usual" level of performance.

6 - SCHEDULE

All Boone Suzuki Guitar Workshop Activities will be held at The Hayes School of Music, Broyhill Music Center, 813 Rivers Street, Boone 28608

Friday April 19

Friday what to do when you arrive:

- Park in the River Street Garage, about a block before Hayes School of Music, on the left. This is paid parking and doesn't need to be secured ahead of time.
- OR, A Friday parking pass is available for \$5.00 in the registration form. This is the closest and most cost-effective Friday parking option and is only available through the registration form. This allows the holder to park in any surface lot (including lots conveniently located next to the Hayes School of Music). If purchased in the registration form, your parking pass will be available at check-in Friday, after which you can put it on your vehicle.
- Friday after 5 parking is free, and Saturday there is free parking 7am-7pm across the street.

- Come into the Hayes School of Music and pick up your GuitarFest packet.
- Proceed down the hall to Schaffel Concert Hall (small concert hall) and you will see the Suzuki Information Table where you can get your Saturday Schedule
- 3:00-4:00 - Optional Additional Private Lessons with visiting Suzuki faculty (additional fee). These additional lessons are Friday only. Contact Mr. Kossler at suzukischoolws@gmail.com if you are interested in an additional Friday lesson with Mr. Bondy, Mr. Craig, or Ms. Feather. There's an additional fee for these optional Friday lessons that is handled separately from anything to do with the registration fees.
- 5:00-6:00 - Welcome/Group Play In for all students with our visiting clinician in Schaffel Concert Hall (small concert hall). This is our first official Boone Suzuki Guitar Workshop event. This is a great way to meet our clinician and get the weekend rolling with a fun group class and a first rehearsal for our final concert. At the end of this class we will have a short Student Competitors Recital. This is an opportunity to hear some of the students who will be competing in the Festival competition, and to give these students an opportunity to practice performing one of their required pieces, if they are interested in doing so.
- 6:00PM - Dinner on your own.
- 7:30 PM - Appalachian GuitarFest Concert: Rene Izquierdo. This is a ticketed event at the Hayes School of Music

Saturday April 20

- You will receive a detailed Saturday schedule when you arrive, but we officially begin at nine 9 AM and the final concert finishes at 6 PM.
- Students who elect to enter the guitar competition have their first round on Saturday morning with the younger division IV starting at 9 AM. From there the competition schedules the older Division III and then II students directly following, in order. Competition students also sometimes attend our optional 8-9:30AM Performance Development Class which helps remove some of the stress of performing and gives them a run through of their competition piece. Students do not stay for the entire class, only as it fits into their actual scheduled competition time.

Sunday April 21

Why leave Saturday? Our Boone Suzuki Workshop has no activities scheduled for Sunday, but you may want to hear the advanced guitar ensembles or attend the final

round of the college level competition at the GuitarFest. There are some absolutely great players to be heard on Sunday!

Also, there are some fun things to do with the kids in Boone. There is a list of some these in the PS below. Build some memories and connect them with the guitar!

7 - WORKSHOP MUSIC

Our special music for this workshop is “Lesson for Two Lutes” from Suzuki Guitar Book 4. We have an ensemble version of this piece, split into three parts, that allows it to become a multi-level piece (something for everyone). Some of the Twinklers may be able to handle Guitar 3, especially if some of the quarter notes are removed and replaced with half notes. A PDF of this is included at the bottom of this email. Please show this to your teacher and ask for advice in picking a part. If you haven’t studied this piece yet, this will give you a head start in learning it.

You can download the sheet music here:

Lesson for Two Lutes Ensemble:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/rxue89bw20i4pkrvh3eu/7.1Lesson-For-2-Lutes-Ens.pdf?rlkey=oriuvbk9trmxpfm7kywirbm53&dl=0>

Lesson for Two Lutes for Twinklers:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/q8o66zkc9539oq4x7gki1/7.5Lesson-For-Two-Lutes-by-Letter-Name-for-Twinklers.pdf?rlkey=mhnt4l7kcfnttxm59veat4paj&dl=0>

8 - THINGS TO DO IN BOONE

Here are some of the attractions in Boone (check websites for availability):

Within walking distance from the music building on King Street:

- Mast General Store
- Library one block from Mast general store toys and children’s activities there also (open Friday and Saturday only)
- Our Daily Bread Bakery and other restaurants

Here are some of the attractions in or near Boone for Sunday (our free day):

- High Country Lanes in Boone (bowling) - in Boone, a few minutes short drive.

- Blowing Rock, about a 15-20 drive from Boone has fancy shops, bakeries, coffee houses, and the following attractions are also there:
- Native American Artifacts Museum
- Appalachian Heritage Museum
- Hall of Mystery
- Tomahawk throwing at Tomahawk Hill
- Tweetsie Railroad
- Foggy Mountain Gem Mine - both locations are about 10 minutes from Boone
- Linville Caverns - less than an hour drive from Boone
- Hawksnest Zipline - about 30minute drive from Boone
- Plenty of great fishing - in the New River near Boone
- High Mountain Expeditions Canoe and Kayak rentals - white water rafting near Boone