



Suzuki Flute

FAQs

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Do young children have enough lung power to play the flute?

Yes! It takes the same kind of lung power that children use when they run around outside screaming their heads off.

Do young children play real flutes?

Yes, there are specially designed flutes that curve back on themselves, making them short enough for small people to play comfortably. They are real flutes that play the same pitches as professional flutes, with a few modifications to make them lighter and easier for small hands to hold. However, most young beginners will start on a “faux flute,” for a lesson or two: this is a pvc mock-up of a real flute, on which the young beginner can learn the basics of how to hold the flute, where to put their fingers, and how to stand while playing. I will provide the faux flute (and your child will help decorate it), and I can help you to find an appropriate real flute, as well.

Can young children play real music?

Yes, again! The Suzuki method starts with tunes most children know already, including Mary Had a Little Lamb and Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star. Once children gain some basic proficiency on the instrument, they move on to simple pieces by composers such as Bach, Handel and Schubert.

For more information, feel free to contact me with your questions (contact information above).