

Dear Suzuki Double Bass Families,,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music, Suzuki Double Bass program! You undoubtedly have questions about what type of equipment you need for you and your child to be ready for the fall. I hope you find the following information helpful.

1. PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE AN INSTRUMENT FOR YOUR CHILD Double Bases are like shoes, they must be sized properly. Either I, or [Johnson String Instrument Inc](#) will size your child.

2. YOU DO NEED A DOUBLE BASS FOR YOURSELF You will be taking all of your child's individual and group lessons for the first six weeks of the semester. I recommend giving Johnson String Instrument Inc a call to order your bass. Let them know your height. Most adults play a 3/4 size but if you are smaller a 5/8 or 1/2 size will be more comfortable. The better the instrument sounds, the more enjoyable it is for you to play.



3. GERMAN BOW The two most common bows are French (overhand) and German (underhand). Please be sure to rent a German Bow.

4. ROSIN Your bow will need rosin to make a sound on your double bass. Johnson String Instrument Inc will provide rosin. I also recommend [Kolsteins™ Ultra Formulation Supreme Bass Rosin](#). This rosin is less likely to shatter or melt because it comes in a wonderful protective case. [Pops' Bass Rosin](#) is also very popular.

5. WHEELS Wheels are optional. I recommend the Double Bass Buggie for transporting your double bass, but you can ask what Johnson String Instrument Inc. offers. Other wheels work well too.

6. TUNER APP Boss Chromatic Tuner TU-3 can be downloaded to your phone. Tuning the strings will make your bass sound better.

7. METRONOME APP Pro Metronome designed by EUM. A metronome will give you a steady beat and help with your rhythm.

8. MUSIC STAND [On Stage - Folding Music Stand with Bag](#) or the-more-sturdy and easier-to-put-together [On-Stage SM7211B Music Stand with Tripod Base](#). Other brands work well too.

9. BOOKS & OTHER ITEMS

- Nurtured by Love by Dr. Shinichi Suzuki
- Helping Parents Practice: Ideas for Making it Easier by Edmund Sprunger
- Suzuki Double Bass Book 1 & Recording
- Music Mind Games Puppy Pack
- Bass Buddies by Shayna Dulberger (Not included)
- Life Lens: Seeing Your Children in Color by Michele Monahan Horner (Not included)