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## **Free Violin Concert This Sunday Last concert for retiring violinist**

AURORA, Illinois (May 31, 2009)-- Mayor Tom Weisner will present Stan Smith, founder of Aurora Suzuki Violin, with a proclamation thanking him for his four decade commitment to the group during a 40th anniversary concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 31 in the Paramount Theatre.

The free concert will feature hundreds of Smith's former students as well as current Aurora Suzuki Violin students. The Paramount Theatre is located at 23 E. Galena Blvd. Smith said it would be his last Aurora Suzuki Concert before retiring. His daughter, Sarah Smith, will incorporate students from her father's group into West Suburban Suzuki Strings, which she began two years ago.

Weisner praised Smith's perseverance. "Stan has been able to keep parents and children engaged in the program because of his dedication to music education," Weisner said. "His students have learned valuable lessons over the past 40 years, and the community has been made richer as well."

On Oct. 19, 1966, Smith attended a concert at Northern Illinois University given by a touring group of young Japanese Suzuki violin students led by Shinichi Suzuki. "In September 1968, with much trepidation, I began teaching my two oldest children, trying to incorporate what I had read about the Suzuki method," he said. "In addition, I met with two other teachers every Saturday morning at a local middle school to have group lessons with my two kids and their three students. On March 30, 1969, those five students made their debut in a string concert, 'A Sunday for Strings,' in the East Aurora High School gymnasium."

Call (630) 897-6372 for information about Aurora Suzuki Violin or the concert.  
Location: Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora, Illinois  
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