

Dear Colourstrings Colleagues!

We would like to inform you about the **3rd phase** course of the **Colourstrings Certificate for Violin (Viola)**. This is the final phase required to achieve the **Colourstrings Teacher Certificate**.

The course will be held at the **East Helsinki Music Institute, 29th September – 5th October 2014**.

We would ask you to arrange your own accommodation, and will send you some suggestions of convenient hostels and hotels nearby on receiving your enquiry.

The course fee will be **450 €**.

Course Content

You will observe individual and group lessons and will be offered the opportunity to coach Colourstrings-trained children. Lectures and Workshops introduce and analyze the advanced teaching material Colourstrings Yellow pages 1, 2, and 3 in playing and teaching, as well as further Colourstrings chamber music material.

Admission requirements

- Completion of Phase I or completion of a comparable Colourstrings Course.
- Completion of Phase IIA and Phase IIB including
 - London 2010 and 2012
 - Klagenfurt 2010 and 2014
- Colourstrings teaching experience:
 - c.150 lessons after attending Phase IIA and IIB with own students covering Colourstrings Books A, B, C, D, Colourstrings Scales and the Rascal Books
 - Some experience in teaching Duettini, Sonatini, Duos I-III E-F books and Yellow pages
- Sending video recordings to us*

***The video recordings (duration 20-30 minutes) should include:**

- Pieces or exercises of free choice from the Colourstrings Books A, B, C and D recorded with students of level A,B,C and D during their normal lessons
- Teaching of scales in individual or group lessons
- Students performing in public pieces of free choice from the Colourstrings Rascals Books (I, II, IV)

At latest by the **31st March 2014** please send a data file (DVD, SD card, USB key or - even more preferable - a Link to a "drop box", "You Tube", or some other cloud service) to:

Colourstrings Association, c/o East Helsinki Music Institute
Kreijarinkuja 4
00820 Helsinki
Finland

(Cloud service link to: office@colourstrings.fi)

Members of the Colourstrings Tutors team will then comment on the video recordings and give advice particularly in:

- Appropriate and relaxed playing positions
- Intonation and rhythm quality
- Sound quality including the facility of the bow, phrasing and musicality
- "Inner hearing" of the students

Together with the videos please send the following papers:

- A list of your university/tertiary qualifications and first study instrument and copies of these degrees/diplomas.

Please submit a short description of your Colourstrings training and teaching experience to date:

- How long have you been teaching and where with this approach, and how many of your students are trained with this method?
- How many Colourstrings courses have you completed, when and where?
- Have you been in Helsinki previously, observing the teaching? When and how long?

By 30th April you will get feedback about the teaching videos, and based on that feedback we would like to confirm that you are accepted for this 3rd phase course, or whether we would advise you to collect some more teaching experience with Colourstrings and do the 3rd phase at a later stage.

Following this, we will send you more comprehensive information about the course.

Warm greetings from the Colourstrings Team of the East-Helsinki-Music-Institute,

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