

# Teacher training course (2 weeks) at Lärkvallen's training center The Suzuki organ method – level 1



For those who want to get all the **training directly from me**, and prefer this to tutorials, I offer 2 five-days-courses, to become a Suzuki organ teacher. (ESA = European Suzuki Association - training )

The teacher training courses take place at “Lärkvallens training center” in the municipality of Ängelholm. Level one is divided into two weekly courses 5 plus 5 days.

You get a solid education as Suzuki organ teacher and will be able to teach children of all ages by the Suzuki method. If you pass the course, you get a certificate that you have taken the Suzuki teacher training course – level one for Gunilla Rönnerberg.

To encourage and give children confidence and joy in learning is the basis of the methodology. In the Suzuki method, we know that “Every Child Can Learn”!

In the teacher training, among other things, you will learn:

- to play all the pieces in the same way as you later will teach the children
- where all the difficulties are in the pieces (teaching points), and how to teach, and to make it easier for the children to learn
- how to teach sight reading from other literature in the beginning, and later apply this technique on Suzuki literature.
- how to use games while practicing with the children and also helping the parents to do this.

The education consists of general parts for the whole group and individual lessons at the instrument. It is an advantage for all participants to take part of the instructions given in the individual teaching. But in order to streamline the teaching sometimes while one participant receives instructions, the others practice using headphones.



## Level one is divided into two weekly courses 5 + 5 days

The courses are offered for 3 participants per week (5 days Mon - Fri). One week consists of 28 teaching hours, and in addition you will also practice on your own for about 12 hours to learn the various steps by heart.



It is important to book the two weeks of the course well in advance, to have the opportunity to get the appropriate periods. In the application form you note your requests for weeks, and later you will get suggestions for weeks where there are three participants notified. The teaching is in English. If you know Swedish and wish to participate in a Swedish spoken course, you have to note that in the application.

You will receive instructions in advance how to practice before the first course. Between the two courses in level 1, you will also practice to study the pieces by heart. Because of that it is preferably to separate the courses with a few months.

Playing by heart is used to be able to have full focus on pedagogical movements to avoid tensions in hands and feet for the children. You must be able to perform these movements perfectly to be a good role model.

## Staying at “Lärkvallens training center”!

If you wish to stay at the training center, there is a cost of 50 SEK (8 US-dollar or 6 Euro)/ night. Sheets and towels are included.

You will stay in a traditional half-timbered house of the region Skåne, with access to practice instruments. In a conservatory with floor heating, you will practice in total silence. The course is also held in this house. If you have a car it is only 25 minute drive to the long sand beaches at Angelholm, where you can walk by the sea. During spring and autumn, or even in early summer mornings, it is almost no one on the beautiful long beaches.

If you stay at the training center, you will have to purchase and cook your own food. We are happy to give you a ride on the first day to the store. When you arrive, we will provide breakfast on the first morning. If there is a place over, you can bring an accompanying companion.

Even if you don't stay at the training center, you can use the kitchen to cook your lunch or preparing snacks during the days.



## Payment

Course fee: 14 000 SEK/week (2170 US dollar or 1585 Euro)

Accommodation: 50 SEK / night (8 US dollar or 6 Euro)

20% of the course fee is paid when we agreed on the dates of the course.  
The remaining payment is due 2 weeks before the course starts.

## Formal ESA-exam

For those who would like to, it is possible to undergo a formal level-one examination of the European Suzuki association. The exam is organized once every two years and is outside the training. To be allowed to take the exam for an international jury, one must pass the courses at Lärkvallen's training center.

