It is essential, particularly in the early years that instrumental teaching is of the highest quality. These formative first years are crucial for the child’s musical future. The Colourstrings® method developed by Géza and Csaba Szilvay creates a firm musical foundation, which enables the child to master the elements on which almost all future musical and technical requirements are based. The children receive ‘a musical parcel’ which encompasses the development of technical skills, a trained ear, a deep understanding of music and outstanding expressive capacity.

The Colourstrings® Method is built on the philosophy, ethnomusicology and pedagogy of the great Hungarian composer Zoltán Kodály. Course participants will be given an intensive and enlightening introduction into all the basic Colourstrings® teaching material, including the chamber music and orchestral repertoire.

This course is ideally suited for instrumental teachers working with children, and also for university and other higher education teachers of instrumental pedagogy. The music kindergarten course is ideal for those wishing to teach pre-school and early childhood music. However, all music students will of course benefit and are most welcome - no previous experience of the Colourstrings® method is required.

For string teachers, this course forms the first part of the three-phase education programme to qualify as a Certified Colourstrings® Teacher. After having successfully completed all three phases the participant will be awarded an International Certificate to teach Colourstrings®.

The Colourstrings Association (Colourstrings ry) was founded in 2009 in Helsinki, Finland. It was established to promote and maintain the Colourstrings® method, developed at the East Helsinki Music Institute, by Géza and Csaba Szilvay.

The association’s main purpose is to organize, facilitate and co-ordinate Colourstrings® Teacher Training courses, and lectures in co-operation with various partner organizations around the world.

For more information:
www.colourstrings.fi
ABOUT THE COURSE
The course (approx. 40 hours) includes lectures, workshops, teaching demonstrations and concerts, with a specific programme presented for each instrument. The course also includes daily solfège and will be conducted in English. A detailed schedule will be available later on the website.

PEDAGOGICAL ADVISERS
Violin: Yvonne Frye, Géza Szilvay, Heidi Viksten
Viola: Pirkko Simojoki
Cello: Taru Aarnio, Csaba Szilvay, Csilla Szilvay
Flute: Jaana Laasonen
Piano: Arja Suorsa-Rannamäki, Alja- Riikka Rannamäki
Solfège: Markku Klami
Accompaniment: Maija Vaipanen
Music Kindergarten: Karen Mackenzie (guest lecturer)

Karen Mackenzie has been lecturing in Music Kindergarten for the Szilvay Foundation since 1996. She is currently a freelance consultant and teacher trainer for Colourstrings® as well as being involved in several programmes in schools and academies who have introduced Colourstrings® into their curriculum. In her spare time she runs a teacher training programme in the Gambia, where she lives for three months of the year. Karen also conducts a community choir and plays the piano, recorder and more recently the bassoon.

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Colour Flute was created by Jaana Laasonen and Riikka Rahijärvi-Tarkka, who were inspired by the Colourstrings® method and later adapted it for flute players. This child-centred method promotes flexible and versatile control of the instrument, creates the basis for sound overall musicianship and enables virtuoso flute playing.

Piano
Inspired by the Colourstrings® method, the Colour Keys material developed by Arja Suorsa-Rannamäki aims to awaken the child’s interest in music in a variety of ways. The Colour Keys method differs from other piano teaching materials in that ensemble playing is one of the key elements in its teaching framework. Ostinato parts for all melodies are included. The Colour Keys Flexible Ensemble material, specifically designed for ensemble playing, can be downloaded at www1.siba.fi/colourkeys

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COURSE ENROLMENT
Please fill out the application form on our website: www.colourstrings.fi by the 15th of June 2016 at the latest.

Course fee: 500€ (includes lunch and dinner for 5 days)

An invoice will be issued after the application form has been received by The East Helsinki Music Institute.

Early Bird offer
50% discount for enrolment prior to 30th of May 2016!
As an added bonus, you will receive free membership of the Colourstrings Association for 2016. (regular price: 25€)

As a member you provide crucial support for Colourstrings® activities and receive special membership benefits, including:

- Discount on Colourstrings® material ordered through Fennica Gehrman.
  www.fennicagehrman.fi
- Advice and support from experienced Colourstrings® teachers
- Discount on buying Colourstrings® teaching videos from the International Mini Fiddlers project
  http://www.sarestoacademy.org/minifiddlers/

ABOUT ACCOMMODATION
Accommodation must be booked by participants themselves at their own expense.
Check our website for tips and special accommodation offers!

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