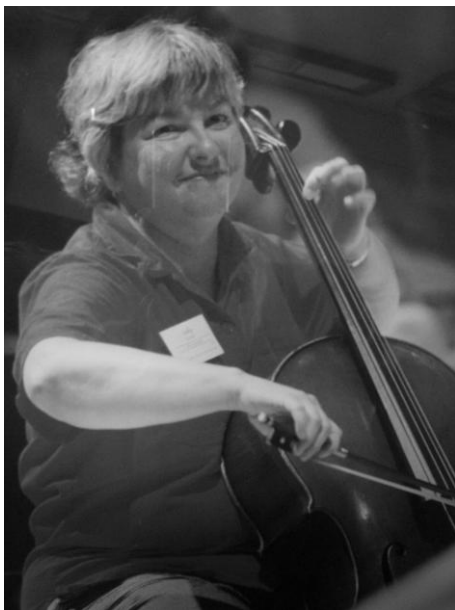


## Sally Gross (2004)

Cellist and teacher, Sally Gross was a member of the teaching faculty of the Suzuki String School of Guelph for 23 years, beginning in 1981, and the School's Artistic Co-ordinator for most of those years. A significant number of Sally's cello students have gone on to university music programmes and music careers. All of her students have been instilled with a love of music which has added a permanent, additional dimension to their lives.

Sally has been described by her closest colleagues as "exemplifying Dr. Suzuki's philosophy that every child can learn [music], lovingly supporting innumerable parents and children on their families' musical journeys". Her talent for using music as a means to develop the whole child is an outstanding example of the mission of the Guelph Youth Music Centre.



Sally herself has been heard to say that her passion for music is, in fact, exceeded by her passion for children. Her boundless enthusiasm and energy have enriched the Suzuki String School of Guelph, the Guelph Youth Music Centre, the local Guelph community, the lives of her students and their families, and the North American music teaching community.

Sally has participated in the Ontario Suzuki Cello movement as a teacher trainer. She has been instructor or guest instructor of both young musicians and developing Suzuki music teachers across North America, and throughout her teaching career has worked tirelessly to increase the prominence of the cello and cellists in the North American community of string musicians.

Locally, Sally was a member of the founding board of the Guelph Youth Music Centre and worked tirelessly for more than ten years as a leading fundraiser and recruiter of volunteers. For many years she was integral to the organization of the local Kiwanis Music Festival, and she served as the Cello Director of the South western Ontario Suzuki Institute. She is the founder of the North Eastern Cello Teachers' Annual Retreat (NECTAR) and has served on the board of the Suzuki Association of Ontario.