

The Training Program

Phase I

Duration: 6-7 days.

Admission requirements: No admission requirements.
Previous knowledge of Colourstrings is not necessary.

Contents: The intensive course introduces the basic Colourstrings teaching material and the Colourstrings philosophy which is based on Zoltan Kodály's pedagogic principles.
See the attached "[Map of the Colourstrings pedagogical material](#)".
It includes workshops on instrumental teaching, methodology, relative solmisation and ensemble playing.
Participants will be thoroughly advised how to use the Colourstrings material.
See the attached "[Latest timetable of 1st Phase in London 2012](#)"

Phase IIA and Phase IIB

Duration of each Phase: 2-3 days.

Admission requirements: Completion of Phase I or completion of a comparable Colourstrings Course.

Phase A: App. 50 lessons with own students covering CS books A and B Sonatini, Duettini

Phase B: App. 50 lessons with own students covering CS books C and D and Sonatini, Rascals 1 and 2, and CS scales 1

Contents:

Phase IIA	includes practical work with children, teaching the exercises and pieces of Colourstrings Books Vol. A and B as well as the "Duettini" and "Sonatini".
Phase IIB	continues teaching children, using Colourstrings Books Vol. C and D, "Sonatini", Rascals Books and the Colourstrings Scale System.

Phase III

Duration: 6-7 days.

Location: Phase III in general takes place at the East Helsinki Music Institute / Finland where the Colourstrings approach was developed.

Admission requirements:

1. Completion of Phase IIA and Phase IIB

2. Colourstrings teaching experience (app.150 lessons after attending Phase IIA and IIB with own students covering Colourstrings Books A,B,C,D, Colourstrings Scales and the Rascal Books)

3. Sending video recordings

At the latest six months before enrolling Phase III the participants send a data file (DVD, SD card, USB key etc.) with video recordings of their own Colourstrings lessons to the Colourstrings Association, c/o East Helsinki Music Institute, Kreijarinkuja 4, 00820 Helsinki, Finland.

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

1. 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
2. Teaching of scales in an individual or group lesson
3. Students performing in public pieces of free choice from the Colourstrings Rascals Books.

Members of the Colourstrings tutors team will comment the video recordings and give advice particularly in:

1. Appropriate and relaxed playing positions
2. Intonation and rhythm quality
3. Sound quality including the facility of the bow, phrasing and musicality
4. "Inner hearing" of the students

Contents:

The participants observe individual and group lessons and are offered the possibility to coach and conduct Colourstrings-trained children or youth orchestras.

Lectures and Workshops introduce and analyze the advanced teaching material

Colourstrings Yellow pages 1, 2, and 3 and Books E and F in playing and teaching, as well as the Colourstrings chamber music material.

Granting of the Colourstrings Teachers Certification

Requirements

1. **Completion of the Phases I, IIA, IIB and III**
2. **Previous completion of a tertiary pedagogic or artistic study or any other proof of high level instrumental skills** (such as a membership in a professional orchestra, teaching position at a state music school etc.)
3. **Teaching experience with the Colourstrings method** (app. 250 lessons with own students covering Colourstrings Books A,B,C,D, Colourstrings Scales and the Rascal Books)

Please send a short “Colourstrings Curriculum Vitae” answering the questions mentioned below to the Colourstrings Association, c/o East Helsinki Music Institute, Kreijarinkuja 4, 00820 Helsinki, Finland:

1. How long and where have you been teaching Colourstrings?
2. How many students have you been teaching using Colourstrings?
3. How many Colourstrings courses (besides Phase I – III) did you attended (please include dates and locations)?
4. Have you observed teaching at the East Helsinki Music Institute besides Phase III, if yes: when and for how long?

Having fulfilled all the requirements the Colourstrings tutors will grant the Colourstrings Teachers Certificate.

The Colourstrings Teachers Certificate entitles the holder to use the title “**Certified Colourstrings Teacher CCT**”.