

Chamber Music Program High School Information

Turn in attached form to register by **January 4, 2016**.

WHY PARTICIPATE IN CHAMBER MUSIC

Small groups of musicians perform chamber music, with one musician to each part. The valuable skills and lessons derived from symphonic music performance are amplified in chamber music. Within a chamber group each member is a section, highlighting and strengthening a student's abilities through self-directed and team-guided learning. Chamber music promotes collaboration and encourages the interactive exchange of musical ideas. It has the unique ability to function in non-traditional spaces, allowing easier access to the community.

HOW IT WORKS [Coachings and Rehearsals]

All students who register are grouped based on instrument, level of playing, and availability. During the 10 week semester, students meet every week for one hour at the AYSP facility either on Monday or Wednesday between 4-6pm (depending on the time selected below). Each chamber group is assigned a highly trained professional musician for a one-hour coaching session every other week. On weeks without coaching sessions, students must rehearse independently with their chamber group. The objective of rehearsals is for students to apply and perfect what they learn during the coaching sessions.

Spring Semester Program Dates: January 18, 2016 through April 10, 2016.

PERFORMANCES

Concerts

Each chamber group will perform in the public *Chamber Music Concert* at the end of each semester.

Spring Semester Concert Date: Sunday, April 10, 2016 @ 3pm, Marie Robertson Hall.

Community-Based Performances

All chamber groups are required to perform in the community at a coffee shop, nursing home, or public space at least once a semester, and it may count towards community service requirements for school. Students are encouraged to schedule these concerts on their own as a group, and Dr. Strong, AYSP's Chamber Music Coordinator, will assist in guiding chamber groups during the scheduling of these performances.

Paid Events

Top chamber groups are often requested for important community events including the Governor's Inaugural Ball and the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce meetings. Groups performing at such events will be selected at the discretion of the Chamber Music Coordinator (Dr. Strong) and may be paid for their performances. Dr. Strong will confirm the details of the performances with both the contractor and the chamber group. The rate is \$25 an hour per student. It is the responsibility of all chamber groups interested in paid public performances to have a contact person (group liaison) who will communicate with Dr. Strong and the members of his/her chamber group. Music for these services are selected and studied by each chamber group without help from their coach. We will

provide each chamber group with a gig binder containing a variety of suitable music. Occasionally, chamber groups are asked to play for free as a way of promoting the AYS program.

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition is \$60 for the Spring Semester and due after acceptance into the program, **before/on January 18, 2016**. (unless you apply for tuition assistance). Tuition covers the cost of coaches, masterclass specialists and purchasing new repertoire. Tuition assistance is available, and families in need are encouraged to apply. Please see Mary Strong to request assistance.

QUESTIONS

Please contact Dr. Strong at 875-1319 or bea@aysmusic.org with any questions.

Chamber Music Registration Form

Contact Information

Student Name: _____

Instrument: _____

Private teacher name (if applicable): _____

Student cell phone number: _____

Can you receive text messages (circle one): YES NO

Parent phone number: _____

Student e-mail address: _____

Parent e-mail address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Availability

Each chamber group is required to meet an hour a week on a regular basis. All rehearsals and coachings will take place at the AYSP facility.

Please indicate **ALL** available times (time availability will be kept in mind when you are grouped into a chamber group).

MONDAYS: 4:00pm – 5:00pm: _____

5:00pm – 6:00pm: _____

WEDNESDAYS: 4:00pm – 5:00pm: _____

5:00pm – 6:00pm: _____

Please return this form to Dr. Strong by delivering it to the front desk at AYSP or e-mailing it to bea@aysmusic.org by **January 4, 2015.**