

Dear Parents,

Here is some important information about the **CSA Chamber Ensemble Program**. We are very excited to continue broadening and improving the skills of our players through chamber music. Intermediate to advanced string and piano students who are enrolled in lessons at the Community School of the Arts, are approved by a private lesson teacher, and complete a placement audition are welcome to participate in the Chamber Ensemble Program. Suzuki string students must complete the equivalent of one year of Chamber Players, or be in high school, to be eligible to participate.

Placement auditions will include a 1 minute portion of a solo piece and a prepared reading excerpt.

Each student will receive a solo part for their instrument and will then join together with the other members of their group. **As there is only one person on each part, attendance at rehearsals, coaching sessions, and concerts is required.**

Small chamber groups consisting of about 3-5 students will be organized and parts assigned according to the teacher's recommendation, age, and ability level. Training will be in the classical chamber repertoire and students can opt into Advanced Theory as an elective.

Each semester, Chamber Ensemble students will meet weekly for a total of 45-90 minutes, partially with a coach and partially for independent rehearsal, with the length of time dependent on the student's placement audition and commitment level. Each family will be contacted via e-mail about the calendar outlining the coaching and performance dates. Please be sure to notate these dates accurately on your home calendar as soon as you receive the information, and reply quickly if asked to confirm performing dates.

The chamber groups will all be performing in a concert at the end of each semester, and offered additional opportunities to do promotional and service performances. In the past the chamber groups have performed for Yorktown Mall, CSA Piano Festival and Nutcracker ballet performances.

To enroll in the program, please fill out the Registration Form and Availability Form (attached), sign the Original Music Waiver on the back of this letter, and return to the office (Community School of the Arts, 501 College Ave, Wheaton, IL 60187).

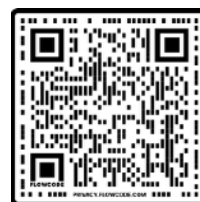
We are looking forward to a great year of making music together!

Lilian Chou

CSA Chamber Music Program Coordinator

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Scan QR code to access and submit this form online instead:



Dear Parents,

To avoid problems with copyright laws, we are going to be giving your child an original part to their chamber piece, as well as a copy. Your child should always have the original part in their folder, but only mark on the copy. This way we will preserve our music for many years. Your child will receive the original music after the coach has received this form.

Please sign below agreeing to return the copy and original music at the end of the semester. If you do not return the music by the end of the semester, your CSA account will be billed for the complete collection of parts.

I _____ agree to return the original music and copies to my coach by the end of the semester. If I do not, I understand that my CSA account will be billed for the complete collection of parts.

Parent Signature

Date



CSA Chamber Ensemble Registration Form



SCAN QR CODE to fill out online version instead: →

Student Name: _____ Age in Sept.: _____ Grade in Sept.: _____

Parents: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Who is your private teacher? _____ What instrument do you play? _____

String players, check one: I have completed one year of Chamber Players.

I am in high school.

1. Are you in any other musical groups (at school, Vivace, EYSO, etc.)? If so please list.

2. If you have any requests regarding repertoire and other students you would like to play with, please list them below. We cannot guarantee that requests will be granted, but we will try.

3. Chamber Ensembles coach and rehearse weekly at an agreed upon time excluding CSA breaks, unless otherwise notified by your chamber coach. **Signing this form is a commitment to attending rehearsals and performances. Coaches must be notified at least 2 weeks in advance of any absences so rescheduling can be attempted.**

I understand that this class includes weekly coaching and rehearsal time, and that I will be billed per semester for Chamber Ensemble on my CSA account. **Enrollment for second semester is automatic and written notice must be given for second semester withdrawal before the start of the semester.**

Parent Signature

Date

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lilian Chou, Chamber Program Coordinator, at lilian.chou@wheaton.edu

Please return this form to:

lilian.chou@wheaton.edu OR

Community School of the Arts, 501 E. College Ave., Wheaton, IL 60187, fax: 630/752.5100

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CSA Chamber Availability Form

School you will attend in September: _____

Time of dismissal: _____ Earliest arrival at Wheaton College: _____

When would you prefer meeting:

_____ Weekdays after school

_____ Saturdays, approximately 11:30-12:30

_____ Other: _____

List general after school availability below:

Monday: _____

Thursday: _____

Tuesday: _____

Friday: _____

Wednesday: _____

Saturday: _____

If applicable: sports or extracurriculars you anticipate will incur conflicts:

Activity: _____

Season (please give months affected): _____

Typical scheduling demands: _____

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Indicate your level of commitment:

_____ I can commit to attending every week and am willing to reschedule coaching sessions when necessary for the group. I understand that only 1 excused absence is permitted per semester.

(45 or 60 minute coaching, 15-30 minute weekly rehearsal required), \$200 or \$225 semester fee

_____ I can commit to regular attendance with few excused absences, OR I can commit to being at coaching sessions every week other than a specific extracurricular season (please list details above).

(30 minute coaching, 15 minute weekly rehearsal required), \$175 semester fee

_____ I am unable to make an attendance commitment at this time and don't expect other members to either. *45 minute Large Ensemble, \$150 semester fee*

Students who are unable to make an attendance commitment will likely be placed in Large Ensemble with other students with a similar situation. Large Ensemble students will have a conductor-less chamber ensemble experience with other students who are present each week as well as opportunities to split up into quartets for further study.