



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 and are approved by a private lesson teacher, are welcome to participate in the Chamber Ensemble Program. Suzuki string students must complete one year of Chamber Players, or be in high school, to be eligible to participate.

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 very important.

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 classical chamber repertoire, varied gig repertoire, and Creative Ability Development (CAD) method improvisation.

Each semester, Chamber Ensemble students will meet weekly as multiple combined groups for a half hour of improvisation training in CAD Improvising Quartets curriculum followed by a half hour of small chamber group coaching on classical and varied gig repertoire. 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 (attached) and the Original Music Waiver on the back, 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!

Sarah Lindquist
CSA Chamber Music Program Coordinator
Sarah.lindquist@wheaton.edu

Chamber Ensemble Registration Form

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, Vivaldi Strings, Con Fuoco, 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 coaching and rehearsing are Saturdays weekly at 11:30-12:45 excluding CSA breaks, unless otherwise notified by your chamber coach. Signing this form is a commitment to attending rehearsals and performances. Small group coaches must be notified in advance of any absences. (Handbell students have Chamber Ensemble at 12:15-1:00.)

I understand that this class includes weekly large and small group coaching, and that I will be billed per semester for Chamber Ensemble on my CSA account.

Parent Signature

Date

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sarah Lindquist, Chamber Program Coordinator, at sarah.lindquist@wheaton.edu

Please return this form to:

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

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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