

**2024
SUMMER
STRING
FESTIVAL**

**Beginning and
Young Strings**



**Hillsdale County School
of the Arts, Inc. (HCSA)**

Hillsdale County School of the Arts, Inc. is pleased to announce **Violinist Gene Hahn** and **cellist David Ledoux** of **ESME** (Eclectic String Music Ensemble) as the Guest Artists for the 2024 Summer String Festival. ESME is an acoustic fusion string band founded and based in Grand Rapids, MI, pursuing a mission that fosters community engagement in the arts. ESME writes and performs their own mashups and arrangements that blend classical repertoire and instruments with pop, rock, jazz, folk, americana, bluegrass, spiritual, film, hip-hop and more. To find out more about ESME, visit <https://www.facebook.com/esmelivemusic/>.

ESME will give a mini-performance for beginning and young string students, in addition to performing on a guest artist recital on Thursday evening, August 1.

The 2024 Summer String Festival will feature a two-week morning session for beginning and young violinists, violists, and cellists. Activities include private and group lessons, music theory games, and music appreciation activities.

The Festival will take place at Davis Middle School in Hillsdale, MI from July 22 through Aug. 2, 2024. Beginning students will meet Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Young string students will meet Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Young String students invited to participate in the Beginning Orchestra will start at 9:00 a.m. The final concert will be on Friday evening, Aug. 2 at Davis Middle School Auditorium.

Tuition for the two week Festival will be **\$60** per student. Students will receive a t-shirt during the camp. The cost is included in the application fee. We have limited spaces available, so please apply early. A deposit of **\$30** must accompany an application in order to reserve a spot. **Application deadline is June 1, 2024.** Applicants will only be accepted after that date if spaces remain unfilled.

If you have any questions regarding the 2024 Summer String Festival, please contact us at hillsdalecountysota@gmail.com, or contact Festival Coordinator David Peshlakai at 269/254-5248 or peshcello@hotmail.com.

Paul Moodie, Festival Director
David Peshlakai, Festival Coordinator

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For more information visit www.HillsdaleCountySOTA.com

2024 Summer String Festival Application Form

Beginning and Young Strings Application



The Summer String Festival is an intensive summer music program for grades 6 and younger with little or no playing experience.

When & Where: July 22 -August 2, 2024

from 9:00 -11:30 am at Davis Middle School
(30 N. West Street, Hillsdale, MI)

Who: grades 6 and younger

Beginning Strings: students with no string instrument experience. **Young Strings:** students with very little or no experience playing in an orchestra.

Cost: \$60 per student. (A \$30 deposit must be received with application.)

Deposit is applied toward tuition. (\$15 non-refundable upon cancellation.) Balance must be paid by July 22, 2024

Students will receive a t-shirt during the camp. The cost is included in the application fee.

Application deadline is June 1, 2024

Apply By Mail:

1. Complete and detach the application below
2. Include the deposit fee made payable to **Hillsdale County School of the Arts, Inc.**
3. Mail application and deposit to:
Hillsdale County School of the Arts (HCSA)
P. O. Box 792, Hillsdale, MI 49242

Apply Online:

1. Log on to our website and download an electronic application at www.HillsdaleCountySOTA.com
2. Email completed application to hillsdalecountysota@gmail.com
3. Pay the deposit fee online via PayPal or by mail.

For more information visit www.HillsdaleCountySOTA.com/summer-string-festival

2024 Beginning and Young Strings Application Form

Student Name: _____ Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip code: _____ Grade '23/'24 Academic Year: _____

Email address: _____ Instrument: _____ Years Played: _____

For Beginning Strings only (no prev. experience): Preferred Instrument (check one): Violin: ___ Viola: ___ Cello: ___

FOR YOUNG STRINGS ONLY: This section to be filled out by the current private teacher or orchestra teacher if possible.
(If not studying with a teacher, please have the student complete this section)

Name of private teacher (if any): _____ Number of years played: _____

Please mark a letter in the blanks below to indicate ability: S = Some experience, P = Performs confidently, N = No experience

Strings: E: ___ A: ___ D: ___ G: ___ C: ___ Slurs: ___

Violin/Viola Only: 4th finger: ___ Low 2nd: ___ High 3rd: ___ Cello Only: 2nd Finger: ___

Required: Please indicate current Suzuki piece or last piece studied (and any additional comments):

NEW, REQUIRED: Please send a video of a song or song excerpt (2-3 minutes) of the student playing a piece they've been working on in order to help our teachers with level placement. Please email the video to hillsdalecountysota@gmail.com. (For tips about creating the video, please visit hillsdalecountysota.com/summer-string-festival)

T-shirt size (check one): Youth: YS (6-8) ___ YM (10-12) ___ YL (14-16) ___ YXL ___ Adult: S ___ M ___ L ___ Other: _____

Allergies: _____ Emergency Contact Person: _____

Relationship to Student: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

By signing below, I give permission for HCSA to photograph and/or videotape my child in practice and performance for use in promoting HCSA and the Summer String Festival.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Student Signature _____

If applying online, please specify your payment method: via mail ___ via PayPal ___ Visit paypal.me/HCSOTA to pay online