

**2024
SUMMER
STRING
FESTIVAL**

**Intermediate &
Advanced
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/>.

EMSE will present a recital on Thursday evening, August 1 and will perform with String Festival students on the final concert on Friday evening, August 2.

Students will participate in daily small ensemble rehearsals with String Festival faculty in addition to daily orchestra rehearsals.

The Festival will take place at Davis Middle School in Hillsdale, MI, July 29 - August 2, 2024. High school and middle school students will meet daily from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All String Festival participants will perform on the final concert on Friday evening, Aug. 2 at Davis Middle School Auditorium.

Tuition for the week-long Festival will be \$120 per student. Students will receive a t-shirt during the camp. The cost is included in the application fee. A deposit of \$60 must accompany an application in order to reserve a spot. **Application deadline is June 1, 2024.**

Students in grades 6 through 11 who reside in or attend school in Hillsdale County are eligible to apply for the Lint Family Music Award and the Sara and Dale Harmelink Music Award. Applications for these awards can be picked up at the Hillsdale County Community Foundation office, and must be turned in to the Hillsdale County Community Foundation before 4 p.m. on April 1, 2024.

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

The 2024 Summer String Festival is sponsored in part by a grant from the Michigan Arts & Culture Council and Creative Washtenaw



For more information visit www.HillsdaleCountySOTA.com

2024 Summer String Festival Application Form

Intermediate and Advanced Application



The Summer String Festival is an intensive summer music program for middle and high school string players with a minimum of one year playing experience and note reading skills.

When & Where: July 29-August 2, 2024

from 12:30-5:00 pm at Davis Middle School
(30 N. West Street, Hillsdale, MI)

Who: Students grades 6-12 who have played a string instrument in an ensemble for at least one year and have note reading skills.

Cost: \$120 per student. (A \$60 deposit must be received with application.)

Deposit is applied toward tuition. (\$30 non-refundable upon cancellation.) Balance must be paid July 29, 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 Intermediate & Advanced Strings Application Form

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

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

Email address: _____ Instrument: _____ Years Played: _____

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

REQUIRED: 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)

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

Violin/Viola only: 4th Finger: ____

Cello/Bass Only: 2nd Finger: ____ Extended Position: ____

All Instruments: Low 2nd: ____ High 3rd: ____ Low 4th: ____ Low 1st: ____ Slurs: ____

Positions: 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ 4th: ____ 5th: ____

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 send a separate email with the HCSA excerpt given for the afternoon session. Please email the videos to hillsdalecountysota@gmail.com. (For tips about creating the video, please visit hillsdalecountysota.com/summer-string-festival)

T-shirt size (check one): Youth: s (6-8) ____ m (10-12) ____ l (14-16) ____ Adult Sizes: S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ 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