

2024 HCSA Summer String Festival

2024 Guest Artists



Violinist Gene Hahn and cellist David Ledoux of ESME (Eclectic String Music Ensemble) join us 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/>.

Beginning & Young Strings

When: July 22-August 2, 2024

The Summer String Festival features a two week morning session for beginning and young violinists, violists, and cellists.

Participants will also perform in a final concert on Friday evening, August 2. Activities include private and group lessons, music theory games, and music appreciation activities.

Beginning Strings are students primarily in 3rd and 4th grade who have not played a string instrument.

Young Strings are students in grades 1-6 who already play a string instrument, but have little or no orchestral experience.

Students will experience the joy and sense of accomplishment of learning to play a musical instrument. Studying music also develops self-confidence, physical coordination, teamwork, and self-discipline.

Intermediate & Advanced Strings

When: July 29-August 2, 2024

The Intermediate and Advanced Summer String Festival will take place July 29- August 2. Participants will also perform in a final concert on Friday evening, August 2.

String players in 6th-12th grade are eligible to participate. Students must have at least one year of playing experience and have note reading skills. Small ensemble rehearsals will be included as a daily activity.

The festival offers students a unique opportunity to improve their skills and to work with highly trained instructors and guest artists.



Sample Daily Schedule

Intermediate & Advanced Strings

12:30-1:50 - Orchestra Rehearsal
2:05-3:25 - Ensemble Rehearsal
3:40-5:00 - Orchestra Rehearsal

Location

Davis Middle School
30 North West Street, Hillsdale, MI

Cost:

\$60 for Beginning & Young Strings, with a \$30 application fee (due with the application).

\$120* for Intermediate & Advanced Strings, with a \$60 application fee (due with the application.)

*Students in grades 6-11 in Hillsdale County may be eligible for scholarships through the Community Foundation. See back panel for details.

Sample Daily Schedule

Beginning & Young Strings

9:30-10:00 - Group Lessons
10:00-10:30 - Theory Class
10:30-11:00 - Break/Private Lessons
11:00-11:30 - Music Appreciation

**9:00-9:30 Beginning Orchestra
(*students selected for this class by HCSA teachers based on abilities & will be notified before the string festival starts)

Enroll Today!

Download an application form at
www.HillsdaleCountySOTA.com!



About the Summer String Festival

The Summer String Festival is an intensive strings education program for youth in grades 1-12 to be held July 22-August 2 at Davis Middle School in Hillsdale. The festival features nationally renowned guest artists and conductors, a guest artist solo recital, and a public concert presented by festival participants.

Recent guest artists include:

- Hannah Holman, cellist with the New York City Ballet
- Rick Robinson, former DSO bassist and founder of CutTime Simfonica®
- Rachel Klaus, violinist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra
- Csaba Erdélyi, former principal violist with the Philharmonia Orchestra of London
- Kimberly Kennedy, Associate Concertmaster of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra



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

Application Payments

Please fill out the application digitally or on paper, and write a check to Hillsdale County School of the Arts, Inc. and mail to:

Hillsdale County School of the Arts, Inc.
P.O. Box 792
Hillsdale, MI 49242

OR Pay Online: Go to paypal.me/HCSOTA to pay via a PayPal account. (Fees may apply.)



Hillsdale County Scholarships

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 (HCCF) office or downloaded online at <https://abouthccf.org/scholarships/>. HCCF scholarship applications must be turned in to the Hillsdale County Community Foundation before 4 p.m. on April 1, 2024.

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