

Elementary school string programs

Elementary Strings Program

Beginning strings, grades 4-5
Ellen Sanders, instructor
Rudy Kremer, instructor

Ludwig's Ensemble

Second year beginning strings
Ellen Sanders, instructor

Summer Strings

Beginning strings
Stephanie Guzman, instructor

Middle school ensemble programs

Melodia (WRMS)

Middle school girl's vocal ensemble

D'Boyz (WRMS)

Middle school boy's vocal ensemble
John Mauldin, director

Melodia/D'Boyz North (Hemingway Elementary)

Middle school vocal ensemble
Joel Bejot, director

Sinfonia

Middle school strings
Rudy Kremer, conductor

High school vocal programs

Enchanté

High school women's vocal ensemble

B-Tones

High school men's vocal ensemble
R.L. Rowsey, director

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Wood River High School
Community Campus



For nine consecutive years, the Wood River Valley has been recognized with a Best Communities for Music Education designation, thanks to the local teachers, instructors, students, and organizations dedicated to music education. Research supports the positive effects music education has on student's overall cognitive and social skills, which contributes to increased success. Congratulations again to Blaine County, for being a leader in music education!

Program

Distant Bells	Sophia Christian, piano	Elizabeth Greenleaf (b. 1956)	The Canyon's Raging River	Jasmine Jordan, piano	Catherine Rollin (b. ?)
Allegro	Elena Alajbegovic, cello	Shinichi Suzuki (1898-1998)	Sonata in G Major <i>I. Largo</i> <i>II. Allegro</i>	Kennedy Larsen, viola	Benedetto Giacomo Marcello (1686-1739)
Basketball Star	Chase Stinger, piano	Melody Bober (b. 1955)	For Forever from <i>Dear Evan Hansen</i>	Gabe Delgado, tenor	Benj Pasek and Justin Paul (b. 1985) (b. 1985)
The Only Home I Know from <i>Shenandoah</i>	Asher Knowles, vocalist	Gary Geld (b. 1935)	Shimmering Sea	Lila Fenn, piano	Mona Rejino (b. 1959)
Sonatina	Yameson Delacruz, string bass	Arthur Olaf Andersen (1880-1958)	Danse Rustique	Elias Trevino, cello	William Henry Squire (1871-1963)
Bagatelle	Taylor Stinger, piano	James Hook (1746-1827)	A Minor Bird	Mattigan Monschke, mezzo-soprano	Celius Dougherty (1902-1986)
Concerto No. 5 in D Major, Op. 22 <i>III. Rondo: Allegretto</i>	Camas Filbert, violin	Friedrich Seitz (1848-1918)	Invention No. 13 in A minor	Jennifer Jordan, piano	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Haunted Hollow	Angel Cahuana, piano	Kevin Olson (b. 1971)	Concerto in A minor	Lowie Watkins, violin	Jean-Baptiste Accolay (1833-1900)
Journey in the Night	Vanessa Olsen, piano	William Gillock (1917-1993)	Prelude in C# minor	Ella Kopplin, piano	Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)
Gavotte in G minor	Gina Greenberg, violin	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)	Meadowlark from <i>The Baker's Wife</i>	Sarah Feltman, mezzo-soprano	Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948)
Take, O Take Those Lip Away	Claire Watson, mezzo-soprano	Amy Beach (1867-1944)			

Presentation of the Carol Nie Outstanding Music Student Award

About the Sun Valley Music Festival's Music Institute

The Music Institute's goal is to inspire the next generation of music lovers. Founded 21 years ago by Board members Carol Nie and Harriet Parker-Bass, the Institute offers exceptional education to music students who demonstrate a high aptitude for learning and performing, within a nurturing and stimulating environment. In addition to private lessons, the comprehensive programs offer group classes, ensembles, and master classes with visiting Festival musicians and guest artists. Students build the technical skills needed to be proficient performers, while also learning music theory, history, and performance etiquette.

Beyond individual students, the Institute aims to serve the broader community. Research suggests that music education enhances both cognitive and social skills, leading to improved learning in all areas. The Institute proudly partners with Blaine County Schools to augment their efforts and improve overall student performance in the schools. These programs engage students from all backgrounds and support school initiatives with new, creative learning opportunities that help build self-discipline, focus, collaboration, and camaraderie.

True to the Music Festival's mission, the Institute's programs are accessible to all. While fees are assessed for private lessons, ensembles and group classes are free of charge. Financial aid is available for qualified students to ensure that anyone can participate regardless of financial status. Over 700 students participate annually in a growing number of summer and year-round programs.



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Violin/Viola/Chamber Music

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Cello/Bass/Chamber Music

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Voice/Developmental Voice

R.L. Rowsey, *
Voice/Vocal Ensemble

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Piano/Theory

Leigh Heward, *
Piano/Theory

** Department Head*

2019-20 Comprehensive Program Students

Violin

Sara Biggers
Bailey Cole ^
Alexia Crowdsen
Camas Filbert
Gina Greenberg
Kaitlyn Hayes *
Sebastian Hernandez
Jasmine Jordan
Jennifer Jordan **#
Wyatt Koch
Adri Meyer
Isabella Mungall
Brooke Olsen
Skade Quesnel
Madeline Rosenlund
Grace Shiver
Alexandra Vallejo
Logan Verst **
Lowie Watkins

Viola

Lucinda Frates
Kennedy Larsen
Charlie Loomis
Rachel Pettit *
David Taylor *
Landon Verst
Finn Wolfrom

Cello

Elena Alajbegovic
Ella Kopplin
Daniel Leon
Eli Trevino ^#
Mikayla Wesley

Bass

Yameson Delacruz

Piano

Sophia Christian
Angel Cahuana
Alfredo Echevarria
Lila Fenn
Jasmine Jordan
Jennifer Jordan *
Sofia Juarez *
Ella Kopplin *
Max Kopplin
Jadiel Murillo
Vanessa Olsen
Carlos Orihuela
Ricky Osenga
Judah Rosenlund
Chad Stinger
Chase Stinger
Taylor Stinger
Alexandra Vallejo
Samuel Yallico

Voice

Eliana Anderson
Earn Aroonpong
Dani Atienza *
Myah Barney
Langley Bier
Rylee Brown
Ice Chanthasuthisombut *
Gabe Delgado
Norah Dowdle
Sarah Feltman *
Camas Filbert
Jennifer Jordan *
Asher Knowles
Lucy Lamoureux
Luke Mauldin
Olivia Miller
Marina Monschke
Mattigan Monschke #
Lydia Morgan
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Dave Walters
Claire Watson #

* Graduating Senior

All-State

^ State Solo & Ensemble

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