



Fall Into Spring Chamber Music Program

Franklin Pond offers a chamber music program during the school year for advanced string students in grades 4-12. This program provides professional coaching and performance opportunities for small chamber music groups. This is an exceptional opportunity to improve individual instrumental skills and to learn to work successfully in a small group while studying and enjoying the chamber music repertoire. It is flexible and easily complements school, youth orchestras, and individual programs.

**APPLICATIONS DUE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2017!**

Application and Audition

Application is available online at www.franklinpond.org and the deadline is **September 1, 2017.
Audition requirement for individuals and groups: a piece(s) of your choice that demonstrates fast and slow playing**

Auditions for acceptance into the program are in person the end of September (TBA). Audition dates and times will be arranged upon receipt of application. Students in pre-formed groups will be required to audition individually. Franklin Pond will place students in appropriate groups based on instrumentation needs, age, musical expertise, and experience. It is important to form groups that are compatible. Therefore, audition decisions are not dependent solely upon skill level. There will be an effort made to factor in geography and siblings when possible.

- **This program is parent/student driven and participants must be wholly committed.**
- **ALL students must attend ALL rehearsals, coachings, and events. The groups cannot function properly without everyone there.**
- In order to work around busy schedules, each group will make its own arrangements for the dates, times and places for coaching and rehearsal sessions.
- There will be a minimum of 8 coaching sessions and 2 classes for the full year. All rehearsal and coaching sessions will be documented. Between each coaching session, there must be at least 3 hours of rehearsal (2 hours for students grade 4-6).

Coaching and Rehearsals

Each group formed will be assigned a coach. The group and the coach will arrange convenient coaching dates/times/venues, and the group members and parents will arrange rehearsals in between. Participation will require time and effort, as well as serious preparation. All members of each ensemble must be willing to work hard and be open to compromise. In order to be part of the *Fall Into Spring* program, it is critical that students and families have a very high level of commitment to the project and a flexible, cooperative mind-set, especially with regard to scheduling and rehearsal locations.

Masterclasses and Workshop

Two masterclasses with renowned guest artists: January 14, 2018 and in early spring (date TBA)

Workshop: January 13, 2018 - **Noa Kagayama of the Julliard School** (BulletProofMusician.com)

Final Concert

The Final Concert date and location will be set by Franklin Pond after auditions are completed and groups are formed. All groups will participate, each playing repertoire they have learned during the year. The performance will be advertised and open to the public. The performance for half-year students may be in the form of a Community Concert and/or may be included in the Final Concert of the year.

Cost: \$800 per year

Scholarships are available by merit and teacher recommendation

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