

**Applications due
September 10th!**



FRANKLIN POND CHAMBER MUSIC FALL INTO SPRING

Student Chamber Music Program 2015-2016

Franklin Pond offers a chamber music program during the school year for interested serious string students 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 compliments school, orchestra, and individual programs.

APPLICATION AND AUDITION

Application is available online at www.franklinpond.org. Application deadline is **September 10, 2015.
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 or beginning of October (TBA). Audition dates and times will be arranged upon receipt of the application. Pre-formed groups will be required to audition. 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. Student groups in grades 11 & 12 have the options of applying for 1) the whole year, 2) *Fall* (Oct.-Jan.), or 3) *Spring* (Feb.-May).

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 the 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. The Final Concert and the two all-group studio classes will be organized by Franklin Pond.

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ All rehearsal and coaching sessions will be documented. There will be a minimum of 8 coaching sessions and 2 classes for the full year. For 11-12th graders who choose the half year option: 4-5 coaching sessions, 1 class, and a performance.

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: \$600 per year (\$300 per 4-month session for students in grades 11 & 12)
Scholarship is available by merit and teacher recommendation.

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