Summer String Project Teachers (listed alphabetically)

Violin and Viola Teachers

Diana Aleman Romero is a third year undergraduate studying music at Arizona State University. She has studied violin 13 years and has loved teaching for 5. Her teaching focuses on musicality and technique while developing a love for making music. She is also bilingual and can teach in both English and Spanish. She is available to start teaching now, and her times are flexible. Her rates are $10/30 minutes, $20/hour. Please feel free to text at (773) 968-7110 or email at sofia.aleman@gmail.com!

Teresa Bejar is currently studying music therapy at Arizona State University. She has studied violin for eleven years and has two years of teaching experience in both private and class settings in the String Project programs of Arizona State University and Texas State University. She plays first violin in the ASU Philharmonia, but has had previous experience playing in the Texas State Symphony Orchestra, Texas State Chamber Orchestra, and Mariachi Nuevo Generación. Lessons will be for beginning to advanced violin. She will teach from mid-May to mid-August, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2p-6p and Saturday from 10a-12p. Rates are $10 for half hours or $20 for one hour. Available by phone (210) 241-4185 or email (thejar1@asu.edu).

Danielle Brister is studying chemistry and biology at Arizona State University. She currently serves as a violinst for the ASU Philharmonia Orchestra and for the Valley Youth Theatre Pit Orchestra. She has been playing the violin for over 11 years and has extensive teaching experience, having taught violin for 5 years. She teaches beginning to advanced violin, with specialties in classical music, orchestral music, pop music and music from musicals. Rates are $20/hour. Availability: Weekdays (TBD) and weekends (all day both days). Please feel free to text her at (602) 904-2274 or email at dbristel1@asu.edu anytime.

Taryn Brown is a junior in physics and has been playing piano for 13 years and viola for 9 years. She has taught piano intermittently for the last 5 years, and has taught viola intermittently for the last 3 years, including 1 year in the string project. She is available to teach beginning to intermediate jazz or classical piano, beginning to intermediate classical viola, and beginning to intermediate classical violin. Lessons would be casual and fun, and scheduling would be flexible. She is available to teach May 11th - August 14th. Her preferred lesson time would be Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays between noon and 8pm. She is available to teach on any other day of the week, but would request more scheduling flexibility from the student and student's family if lessons are scheduled Fri-Mon. She charges $10 for 30mins, and $5 for every additional 15mins after that. She can be reached at (928) 443-1393 or taryntjb@gmail.com, and would prefer to be contacted through email.

Rachel Einecker is a sophomore in Barrett, the Honors College at Arizona State University, where she is currently studying Environmental Science. She is from Mesa, Arizona, and started playing viola when she was 9 years old. In high school she was principal player in her school’s Chamber and Full Symphony Orchestras, participated in All-Region orchestras, and soloed for Youth Symphony of the Southwest. She is currently in ASU Philharmonia Orchestra. She teaches violin or viola (beginning to advanced) at $10 per 30 minute lesson, or $20 for an hour.
She can teach from mid-May to early-August from 10am to 2pm Monday-Thursday, 10am- 7pm Friday, or contact for weekend scheduling. Available by phone (480) 299-6696 or email (reinecke@asu.edu).

**Diana Gomez** has just completed her first semester as a music therapy major, playing in the ASU Philharmonia, and as a teacher in the ASU String Project. She has been playing the violin for eight years now and also has experience teaching her peers in her orchestra/mariachi program in high school. She can teach violin students from beginner level to advanced level and is open to teaching any type of music including classical, pop culture, and mariachi. The days and times she is available will be Monday-Friday from 10 am-5 pm from May through Mid-August. She will teach at $10 for every 30 minutes. Feel free to contact her through text: (480) 868-1631 or email: dagomez6@asu.edu.

**Montserrat Hernandez Demasa** is currently doing her major in music education with a minor in international languages and cultures at Arizona State University. She has been playing the violin for over 9 years. She has taught private lessons for 3 years and has just completed her first semester teaching with ASU string project. Her lessons focus to help students with technique, music theory and performance development. She is bilingual, speaking Spanish and English fluently. She will be available starting on May 18, with a flexible schedule over the week. Preferable times during week days, from 10 am to 5 pm; weekends contact her for schedule. $15.00 for 30 min and $30.00 for an hour. Please be free to text or email (602) 516-6091, mherna@asu.edu / amontse01@gmail.com.

**Karissa Lepley** has been playing violin for 9 years and has been teaching violin and viola for 5 years. She has also participated in advanced orchestras for over 8 years. She teaches beginner to intermediate violin and viola for students of all ages. With private lessons, she takes a personalized approach and tailors each lesson to the teaching style most suited for the student. Lessons are challenging, but also very casual. Scheduling is flexible as are rates. To start off, her rates are $20 for 45 minutes and $25 for an hour. She is available all week with great flexibility in terms of time, but weekends are preferred. Contact by phone or email at (502) 494-6255 or krxll00@gmail.com.

**Jingting Liu** will be a doctoral student in violin performance major studying in ASU School of Music in coming 2020 Fall semester. She has been learning the violin over 19 years, and has about 7 years teaching experience. Her teaching focuses on student’s interests, and professional teaching system. She is dedicated to improving student’s technique, understanding of music, practicing efficiency, and so on. Lessons will be tailored to every student based on their skills and levels. Lesson time is available from 9:30am to 5:00pm during summer. She can teach in both English and Chinese. She charges $15 for half an hour (or $30 per hour). Phone number: (480) 524-9311; email: jliu219@asu.edu.

**Sanem Reinhardt** is a graduating senior with a degree in violin performance from ASU. She has had 4 years of private teaching experience and teaches all ages and levels of violin and intermediate viola. Her lessons focus on developing strong technique and musical skills, and are tailored to the needs of each student. She believes it is most important to cultivate a student’s love for the instrument. Available starting May 9 to mid-August, weekend times preferred but
very flexible. Please feel free to text at (520) 991-3693 or email at sreinha1@asu.edu. $20 per lesson (30 min) or $35 (1 hour)

Alvin Valentín is currently studying music education with an emphasis on violin at ASU. He has been teaching privately for 6 years and group lessons for 1 year with the ASU String Project. He is bilingual and completely fluent in both English and Spanish. Alvin will be teaching all levels for violin and beginner to intermediate viola. Available starting May 11th with a flexible schedule. Rates begin at $15 per half hour. Please email ataavalent@asu.edu for times and availability.

Isabel Verdugo is going into her 3rd year of a Music Education degree. She has been apart of the ASU String Project since her first year, and has recently become a one of the teachers for the Saturday Morning classes. Her primary instrument is cello and will be offering cello lessons to students at any level. She is also able to offer beginning violin, viola, and bass lessons. Her rate is $15 for 30 min, and $25 for an hour. Due to Covid-19 all lessons will be offered through zoom, and payments will be electronic. Her schedule is flexible and can start as soon as possible, to contact her please feel free to email at imverdug@asu.edu or call/text at (520)223-5419.

Jamie Wu has studied violin for almost 20 years, She did her undergraduate and master’s degrees in violin performance in Taiwan. Now she is currently studying in her second master’s degree in violin performance pedagogy at Arizona State University. She has been teaching for 6 years, and has been part of String Project for 1 year. Her lessons emphasize developing listening skills, instrument playing technique, musical sense, and performance opportunities. She also speaks Mandarin Chinese, if needed she offers bilingual teaching. She is available to teach violin (beginning to advanced), piano (beginning to intermediate), She charges $15 for 30 minutes, $30 for an hour. Lesson times can be arranged by contacting her phone (text preferred). Weekend times preferred, but other times are possible. (323) 859-5470, jamiewu@asu.edu.

Cello and Bass Teachers

Michael Brannan is a music education student with a focus on music production, and is interested in songwriting. He has taught beginning guitar and intermediate cello students for 4 years. As of right now his schedule is flexible, and he can be contacted to schedule lessons at (408) 784-2104 (best method) and mbranna@asu.edu. He is available immediately and charges $15 per 30 minute lesson, $25 per hour lesson.

Xue Chen is a doctor’s degree student at ASU passionate about cello performance. For 20 years in both the United States and China, she has studied with well-known cellists, she has performed at venues such as Carnegie Hall in New York City, and enjoys teaching students of all ages. Although her lessons are usually focused on reading music and technique, she wants to help students of all ages and skill levels so she is flexible in both application and schedule. Her rate is $20 per 30 mins. Please feel free to text or email her at 541-653-0069 and chrissiexue@gmail.com

Lauren Coleman is studying Secondary Education. Lauren has played the bass for 11 years, including 2 semesters in ASU’s Philharmonia and 4 semesters teaching for ASU String Project.
Lauren teaches bass lessons (beginning-advanced) as well as cello lessons (beginning) and charges $15 for 30 minutes or $25 for an hour. Lauren loves teaching for String Project and is excited to work with you this summer! They have a very flexible schedule; please reach out by text/call at 602-410-2233 or email at ljcolem2@asu.edu.

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Piano Teacher

Leonard Huang studies Piano Performance at ASU, and he has been learning piano for over 10 years. His focus is helping students get better techniques and understanding of music. He is able to offer piano lessons from beginners to advanced level charging $20 per hour (or $10 for half an hour). He is available to teach any time after 2 pm every day. Contact: (480) 258-8082; jhuan158@asu.edu