ASU String Project
More Opportunities for Summer and Fall!

Summer Lessons with ASU Teachers

**Jesús López** is currently studying Violin Performance and Arts Administration at Arizona State University. He has been playing the violin for 7 years, and has been teaching both privately and group classes for 3 years. He teaches beginning to advanced violin as well as beginning viola. His rates are $15 per 30 min, $20 for 45 min, and $30 for the hour. Jesús will be available from early-May to mid-August from 8am-4pm on weekdays. He’s available to teach on Saturdays from 11am-4pm. He will primarily be teaching at the ASU School of Music. He can be contacted at jdlope22@asu.edu (preferred method) or (602) 872-3710, call or text.

**Raul Niño** is an undergraduate student who is studying music education. Raul has been playing the guitar over 8 years. He offers lessons in the styles of classical, jazz, and rock guitar. Raul has performed throughout the valley and teaches privately out of a studio in Scottsdale. Raul works with multiple levels of students. Raul also has taken courses in violin and will be teaching violin over the summer. He offers 30 minute lessons for $15, 45 min lessons for $20, and an hour lesson for $25. Raul also teaches introductory violin and the rates would be the same as his guitar lessons.

**Danielle Pivonka** is currently working on her Master’s degree in Music Education and her Teaching Certification at Arizona State University. She has been playing piano for 18 years and violin for 15 years. She has been teaching both instrument for 8 years. Lessons are focused on what the student is most interested in learning, all while including instruction on correct posture and comfortable technique. Danielle teaches beginning through advanced violin students, beginning through intermediate piano students, and beginning viola and cello students. Any age is welcome to begin lessons and scheduling is flexible! Lessons will be held at the Music Building on ASU’s campus. Danielle prefers to be reached by email at danipivonka@gmail.com and responds within 24 hours. If this is not possible, she can also be reached by text message or phone call at (815)-762-4145 but may not respond immediately; lessons are $20 for 30 minutes.

**Mercedes Rogers** is doing a master’s degree at ASU in music education. Her primary instrument is the violin and she teaches beginner through advanced students, as well as beginner cello and viola students. She collaborates with her students on transcribing songs that they are interested in learning, as well as learning to improvise. She is available most afternoons for lessons, and will be teaching on campus at ASU. Contact her anytime at 480-258-4672, or through email at mercedesviolinstudio@gmail.com.

**Jessica Westerham** is a sophomore studying Mechanical Engineering. She has been playing violin for 14 years and has won several regional and state awards in music. She teaches beginning to advanced violin and viola lessons, as well as beginning piano lessons. Availability is flexible. Lessons will be held at ASU or at her house in Ahwatukee (near S 17th Ave & Pecos). Rates are $10 per 30 minutes. Feel free to call/text at 651-666-0840 or email at jgwester@asu.edu.
Summer Classes and Camps

In addition to summer private lessons with the String Project teachers, a number of opportunities are available for you. **You may attend classes and camps not in your own school district.**

**SCC Summer Music Institute.** Classes meet June 10-20 at Scottsdale Community College: Middle School Orchestra (8:30-11:45), High School Boot Camp (12:30-3:45), also band and jazz band, $110; concert on the last day. For more information, contact Eileen.wright@scottsdalecc.edu.

**MCC Summer Music Camp.** Tuition-free classes for students Grades 8-12 in band, strings, jazz, choir, music theory, composition, and more. Classes meet Mesa Community College Performing Arts Center, 9:00am to 12:30pm, May 28-June 7, with concerts on June 6-7. For more information, call (480) 461-7884, or see [http://www.musicinmesa.com/camp/](http://www.musicinmesa.com/camp/).

**Tempe Elementary Schools** summer enrichment program. Classes meet June 3-27, Monday-Thursday at Fees Middle School. Tuition is $78. See [http://www.tempeschools.org/summerschool](http://www.tempeschools.org/summerschool) or call 480-730-7108 for more information. Strings Alive! (grades 4-6), 8:55-9:50; also band, choir, music technology, and guitar.

**Marcos de Niza High School** High School Summer Orchestra Camp in Tempe from July 22-26. For students entering grades 8-12 with at least one or two years of orchestra/private lesson experience. Classes meet 8:00-3:00 daily, tuition is $50. You do not have to attend Marcos de Niza to attend this camp. Fill out the online application at [http://goo.gl/XxkEp6](http://goo.gl/XxkEp6), then go to [www.tuhsdonlinereg.com](http://www.tuhsdonlinereg.com) and click on “Camps/Clinics,” then “Marcos de Niza.” Contact Mr. Scott Glasser at sglasser@tempeunion.org for more information.

**Chandler Schools** summer classes at Camille Casteel High School, Power & Riggs Rd. Classes for students in grades 6-12, June 10-13 and June 17-20, 8:30-3:30, $250. Strings, recording arts, technology, and band. For more information: [http://capat.weebly.com/](http://capat.weebly.com/)

**Tetra String Quartet Chamber Music Workshops:** Two one-week day camps offer orchestra, quartet, and master classes. You may attend either or both camps, $325 each. June 20-29, 9:00 am-1:00 pm., Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1800 East Libra Dr., Tempe, and July 11-20, 9:00-1:00, Saint Maria Goretti Church, 6261 North Granite Reef Rd., Scottsdale. Information at [http://www.tetraquartet.org/workshop/](http://www.tetraquartet.org/workshop/).

**String Quartet Camp and Bass Workshop:** Two one-week day camps offer orchestra, quartet, master classes, and string bass camp, for students ages 10-18. You may attend either or both weeks, $350 per week. June 17-22, 8:30 am-3:30 pm., Desert Cross Lutheran Church, 8600 S. McClintock, Tempe, or July 15-20, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, Camelback Bible Church, 3900 E. Stanford Dr., Paradise Valley. Information at [http://stringquartetcamp.org/](http://stringquartetcamp.org/).

**Metropolitan Youth Symphony Summer Camp, & Guitar Camp.** Classes meet June 24-28 from 8:00-3:00 at LDS Church, 977 E. Broadway, in Mesa (just west of Stapley), for students in grades 5-9. Audition required on June 12, 14, or 20 if not a member of MYS. Tuition $260. MiniCamp (no audition required) June 18-22 from 8:00-11:15, Tuition $160. See [http://azmys.org/](http://azmys.org/) for more information.
**West Valley Youth Orchestra**, Chamber Music Summer Camp with Quartet Sabaku. Classes meet June 18-22, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 830 E. Plaza Circle, Litchfield Park, with a concert at 7:00 pm Friday evening. Open to string students ages 10-19, and camp activities include: Quartet and trio rehearsal and coaching, orchestra (2 levels), theory class, sectionals, compose your own music, special guest professional musicians. Registration through May 10, $310. For more information, audition requirements and instructor bios, see [www.wvyo.org](http://www.wvyo.org), or email Claire Gordon at wvyoconductor@wvyo.org

**StringPlay—A Creative Camp** for String Players, directed by violinist/fiddler Taylor Morris. Grades 8-12, $350, June 3-15. Camp is held during the day at Discovery Community Church in Gilbert, located at Lindsay & Ray. For more information and registration, visit the camp website: [www.stringplaycamp.com](http://www.stringplaycamp.com).

**Grand Canyon Celtic Arts Academy** in Flagstaff is a great place to learn music and dance of Cape Breton and Ireland. Classes for ages 8-15 (July 15-19, 10:00-4:00) and teen-adults (July 15-17, 10:00-5:00), $125-$265, scholarships available. [http://www.grandcanyoncelticarts.org/](http://www.grandcanyoncelticarts.org/)

**Chaparral Chamber Music Workshop:** FUN weekend workshop in historic Prescott, AZ (2 hours north of Phoenix) features great small ensemble music for piano, string, percussion, woodwind & brass players. No previous chamber music experience needed; separate youth (13-18) and adult (18-onwards) tracks are available; adult learners group. Ensemble skills are built in a relaxing, supportive atmosphere. Musicians play several pieces of different instrumentation, mailed in advance. They leave with new skills and repertoire ideas to explore over the coming year. Each participant receives 6 hours of professional faculty coaching, plus group-led rehearsal time. Preformed groups are welcome! Celebration Concert Sunday, June 2 at 3:00. The course fee of $215.00 includes 6 hours of coach-led sessions, ensemble rehearsal time, sheet music, two clinics, Friday dinner, great experience and great fun! For information email: chamber@chaparralmusicfest.org or phone 480-980-6516, [https://chaparralchambermusicworkshop.wordpress.com/](https://chaparralchambermusicworkshop.wordpress.com/).

**Youth Orchestras**

We will again have private lessons and classes through the String Project next fall. We hope you’ll come back! Information about the schedule and about registering for fall String Project classes and lessons will be available by August at [https://music.asu.edu/string-project](https://music.asu.edu/string-project). If you want more challenging music than String Project Saturday classes, try private lessons and/or any of these youth orchestras:

**Metropolitan Youth Symphony**: Five orchestras, a band, and a Fiddle group for students in grades 5-9, rehearses Thursday afternoons or evenings at Westwood High School in Mesa, 4:30-6:00 or 6:30-8:30. For more information, see the web site, [http://www.azmys.org](http://www.azmys.org), or call 480-456-9501. Auditions are held by appointment in August; register by August 1.

**Phoenix Symphony Guild Youth Symphonies**: Four orchestras for grades 5-12, rehearses Wednesday evenings at Central HS in Phoenix, 6:30-8:30. For more information, see [http://www.phoenixyouthsymphony.org](http://www.phoenixyouthsymphony.org). Auditions held in May for the following school year.
East Valley Youth Symphony: Three orchestras for elementary through college students. Rehearses at Higley High School, Gilbert High School, or Cooley Middle School. Auditions held in August; register by May 31. For more information see the web site, [http://www.evysaz.org](http://www.evysaz.org).

West Valley Youth Symphony: Two orchestras for students in grades 3-12. Rehearsals are Mondays: WVYO 6:15-8:15 pm and Cadets 6:15-7:30 pm, at Wigwam Creek Middle School, Litchfield Park. For more information, [http://wvyo.org/](http://wvyo.org/).

Gilbert Town Fiddlers: For students in grades 9-12, fiddling and improvising. Auditions on Saturday, May 26. The group rehearses Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30 at Discovery Community Church in Gilbert (Lindsay and Ray). For more information: [http://gilberttownfiddlers.com/auditions/](http://gilberttownfiddlers.com/auditions/).

Youth Symphony of the Southwest: One orchestra for ages 15-19. Rehearsals are Mondays, 4:45-7:00 at Dobson High School, 1501 W. Guadalupe in Mesa. Auditions held April 29-May 3 for the following year. [http://yssw.symphonyofthesouthwest.org/](http://yssw.symphonyofthesouthwest.org/).