

Kensington Arts Center Strings Program

KAC Strings!

Application for December 2016 Free Workshops for Strings Students

Please note: Only fully-authorized KAC staff will be granted access to any of the information on this application. Ensuring your privacy and protecting the identity of your child is our #1 priority. KAC Strings Program is fully insured, and parents are encouraged to inquire about all liability and insurance details by contacting KAC.

IMPORTANT! Please complete a **separate application for each one of your children** interested in participating.

Please print clearly, and return this form (scan and email, or by snail mail) **by December 1st**. *Thanks!*

PART I

CONTACT INFORMATION

 Child's Full Legal Name

 Child's Legal Guardian(s)

 Child's Gender (optional)

 Child's Age

 Child's Grade and Current School ('16-'17 school year)

 Best Parental Email Address(es)

 Best Phone Number(s)

 Street Address (of child's primary caregiver)

Please indicate whether you authorize us to include you on our KAC upcoming events mailing list (Y/N) _____
(Regardless, none of your contact information will ever be shared with anyone outside of KAC.)

PART II

STUDENT MUSIC BACKGROUND

We understand that many children are accomplished at more than one stringed instrument. Please **circle** each of the four stringed instruments **this child can play**, and **underline** which of them they would be **most interested in pursuing** within the KAC Strings Program.

Violin

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

We are working to ensure that each of these December workshops will be evenly filled with student participants. To facilitate that goal, we will some time to complete our assessment of where to place pre-registered students. You'll be notified **as soon as possible** (for sure by December 1st) regarding which of the dates you've specified here will be best for your child to attend.

Please **circle** each of the four dates **that the child on this application would likely be available to attend:**

Monday, Dec 5th
Tuesday, Dec 6th
Thursday, Dec 8th
Friday, December 9th

How many years has this child **studied music** (including all instruments/musical disciplines)? ___ years

Please this child’s current level of **singing** ability (0-none, 1-begnr, 2-intrmd, 3-advcd): _____

Many strings students are skilled at a non-stringed instrument. Please list all of them they play (including voice, piano & guitar) in order of proficiency (ranking **1** for “most proficient” and **4** for “least proficient”).

1_____ 2_____ 3_____ 4_____

Please indicate on which they currently take private lessons: _____

Occasionally a child will prefer to play in an ensemble they believe will more comfortably account for their current skill level (i.e. an advanced middle schooler might want to play with high schoolers, or an intermediate level high schooler might prefer to play with the middle school group). We certainly want each child to be placed in the group wherein they’ll feel most comfortable, regardless of any age discrepancy. Please indicate **(circle)** in which of the two KAC Strings ensembles this child believes they would participate most successfully.

Stringendo (mainly for intermediate to advanced middle school students)

Toccata Strings (mainly for more advanced high school students)

PART III INDIVIDUAL LEARNING INFORMATION

Please describe (with as much detail as possible) the **type of learning environment** wherein this child has shown to find **the most happiness and success**. In addition, we’re interested in finding out the **level of comfort** that this child tends to feel **when asked to perform by themselves** within a group setting. We understand that for many children, this level of comfort may be quite low, and rest assured that no student will be singled out to play by themselves unless they volunteer to do so. Rather, we are using this information to **customize our learning environment** with the intention of pursuing a truly positive experience for every child.

We thank you for entrusting us with this very private viewpoint on your child’s individual skills and experience as a learner. While we certainly cannot guarantee that every child will find what they’re looking for within our program, we feel confident that having a surplus of information can only help to increase the likelihood of your child having a memorable, and hopefully life-changing, experience as a participant in our program.

Your feedback on this application is also extremely valuable to us! Please let us know your thoughts. Thanks.

Please return this form asap **(by 12/1/16)** to:

Steven Sigurdson (Co-Artistic Director, KAC Strings), 4561 Lawn Ave, Western Springs, IL 60558

Or, scan & email it to: kacstrings@gmail.com

Phone inquiries are always welcome: (708) 205-4212