

Dear Friend—

I'm writing to ask for your support on behalf of the string students of Thunder Bay.

There is a need for high-level summer music programming in Thunder Bay. Serious music students need to keep their skill sharp, and continue to take lessons through the summer months, often travelling to far-away places like Domaine Forget in Charlevoix, Quebec, or the Banff Centre in Alberta for much-needed training with prestigious guest teachers. But the travel, accommodation, and fees of these summer festivals are out of reach for many families.

We think all of Thunder Bay's string students deserve the opportunity for summer learning. The Thunder Bay Conservatory of Music is going to bring a high-level summer string festival right here where the students need it.

Thunder Bay Summer Strings is a three-tiered project, consisting of:

Junior Week: a five-day day camp aimed at children ages 3-8, this jump starts learning for young violinists and cellists. July 30 - August 3.

Chamber Week: intermediate and advanced string students will have the opportunity to work closely with string pedagogues of the highest calibre for six intense days, August 6-11. This year, three members of Canada's award-winning Cecilia String Quartet (Min-Jeong Koh, violin, Caitlyn Boyle, viola, and Rachel Desoer, cello) will work with the students, focusing on honing their technique and chamber music skills.

Chamber Festival: There will be three back-to-back chamber music concerts:

August 9. Members of the Cecilia play gems from the string quartet repertoire;

August 10. Thunder Bay's own Cosby Quintet interpret piano quintets;

August 11. The students of the festival share their collaborations

Your donation of \$200 will help support the flights and fees of our guest string quartet. With your donation, you will receive a personal letter from a string student who attended chamber week, letting you know their experiences. You will also be put on the VIP list to attend all chamber festival concerts.

We hope to hear from you, but also to see you at our exciting chamber events.

Sincerely,

Michelle Zapf-Belanger
President, Thunder Bay Conservatory of Music

Thunder Bay Conservatory of Music Summer Strings Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

I am enclosing:

\$200 another amount \$ _____

I would like my name to appear in concert programs as: _____

I would like to remain anonymous.

For donations of \$200 or above:

I would like to receive a letter from a chamber week student

I would like to donate \$200 and receive VIP attendance to all chamber festival concerts

Please make cheque payable to the **Thunder Bay Conservatory of Music**.

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