

Dear Friend—

I'm writing to ask for your support for our fledgling chamber festival, **Thunder Bay Summer Strings**.

At its heart, Summer Strings is about growing a strong string chamber music community here in Thunder Bay. We nurture the string player from beginner to professional. We organize two weeks of workshops for beginning string players, advanced students playing their first string quartets, and adults looking to improve their skills. We pair that with an exciting professional chamber series featuring both local artists and a high-profile guest quartet.

This season, each concert will feature an emerging Thunder Bay artist—a young musician, educated locally, who deserves our encouragement and support. Here at the Conservatory of Music, we teach young children to play their first notes, but we also want to nurture their whole musical journey, and that includes following their early music careers and giving them a chance to collaborate with established artists.

We're very proud of the 2019 Summer Strings lineup, all at Trinity United Church.

***LatinoAmericana.*** Wednesday, August 21, 7:00 pm. The Annex Quartet, our guest string quartet from Toronto, showcases works from their latest album, which explores chamber music from South America and beyond. Works by Piazzola, William Grant Still, Miguel del Aguila.

***In collaboration with young artist Matt Sellick, flamenco guitar.***

***Northern Stars.*** Friday, August 23, 7:00 pm. Workshop faculty collaborate with the students from our Chamber Week workshop to present string orchestra and chamber favourites.

***In collaboration with young artist Nicole Waboose, violin.***

***Journey to the East.*** Thursday, August 29, 7:00 pm. Local piano quintet Cosbey Quintet perform works written by Asian and Asian-Canadian artists. Works by Sean Kim, Zhou Yuguo, Jean Cras.

***In collaboration with young artist Heran Zhou, guzheng.***

Your donation of \$200 will help us expand our festival so we can hire these local young artists—Matt, Nicole, and Heran. With your donation, we'll put you on our guest list for all three concerts, so you can see them in action along with the Annex Quartet and Cosbey Quintet.

We hope to hear from you, and to see your faces in the audience!

Sincerely,

Michelle Zapf-Belanger  
President, Thunder Bay Conservatory of Music

## Thunder Bay Conservatory of Music Summer Strings Donation Form

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I would like to be put on the guest list for all three chamber concerts

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