



Which program is right for me?

A Guide to Crowden's Youth Summer Ensembles

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The guidelines below provide a summary of each program to help you find your fit. Please register for the workshop that best matches your current experience level. In the occasional cases when we would like to place you in a workshop other than the one for which you have applied, we will contact you to discuss your options.

For more information about each workshop, please refer to the course descriptions.

SUMMER STRINGS

- **Ages:** 7–12
- **Instruments:** violin, viola, cello
- **Years of experience on the instrument:** 0–4 (students with 0–9 months experience do not require an audition)
- **Years of ensemble experience:** 0–2
- **Sample workshop repertoire:** Sheila Nelson, Merle Isaac arrangements, Del Borgo

YOUNG MUSICIANS' CHAMBER MUSIC ACADEMY

- **Ages:** 10–14
- **Instruments:** violin, viola, cello, bass
- **Years of experience on the instrument:** 4–5 years private training; facility with shifting, vibrato, various bow strokes
- **Years of ensemble experience:** 2+ years
- **Sample workshop repertoire:** Haydn and early Mozart string quartets, Baroque trio sonatas, Holst St. Paul's Suite

PIANO PARTNERS

- **Ages:** 9–16
- **Instruments:** piano
- **Years of experience:** 3+ years of training; ensemble experience not expected but welcome
- **Sample workshop repertoire:** Sonatas by Mozart and contemporaries, six hands and other larger keyboard ensembles by Bach, Gurliitt, Czerny, 20th Century composers such as Poulenc, Holst and Vandall

CHAMBER MUSIC WORKSHOP

- **Ages:** 13–19
- **Instruments:** violin, viola, cello, bass, piano
- **Years of experience on the instrument:** 5+ years; advanced technical ability
- **Years of ensemble experience:** 3+ years
- **Sample repertoire:** Bacewicz, Bartok, Beethoven, Debussy, Dohnányi, Dvořák, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Schubert, Schumann, Tchaikovsky