



CAC STRINGS AND ORCHESTRA PROGRAMS

Thank you for your interest in the CAC Strings and Orchestra Programs. We welcome you to CAC and hope the following information will answer most of your questions about this dynamic program. Our hope is that you choose to join us as we enter our fifth year of creating beautiful music. There are currently three options for CAC students depending on their interest and strings experience.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

1) STRINGS PROGRAM

For beginners, any CAC student (kindergarten through high school) interested in learning how to play a string instrument (violin, viola, cello or bass) is invited to take private lessons in the after-school strings program. The fees are \$15.00 for each weekly 30 minute private lesson held in one of the practice rooms on the 2nd floor of the MS/HS Music building. You choose the length and number of lessons each semester. This total amount is payable in U. S. Dollars in advance at registration. This does not include any fees for music or purchase of a string instrument.

For students who already play a string instrument but are new to the program, they may also take private lessons in the Strings Program as noted above. In addition, they may sign up for an audition at registration for placement in either, Beginning, Intermediate or Community Orchestras described below. Returning students will be given preference, while new students will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis with paid registration. There are currently three violin instructors to choose from: Jenny Jeong, Vladimir Shim and Alexander Dzamashvili (also viola). Bogusha Zembala teaches cello and beginning bass.

2) ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

For students who have at least two years string experience and basic note reading, we offer in addition to the Strings Program, a Beginning Orchestra on Mondays (4:00 – 5:00 pm), and for the more advanced students, an Intermediate Orchestra (5:15 – 6:15). Please note that every student in these two orchestras must also be taking private lessons at home or school. The Community Orchestra (6:30 – 8:00) is also available for experienced and proficient musicians from the community-at-large and CAC students. Placement in one of these orchestras is determined by audition by the conductor. The fees for Beginning and Intermediate Orchestra are \$50.00 per semester, and \$20.00 for Community Orchestra.

IN-SCHOOL PROGRAM

CURRICULUM ELECTIVE

CAC students in 7th grade and above who have played a string instrument for at least one year may choose the String Ensemble as a CAC elective class. This course is taught and conducted by Ms. Jenny Jeong. **Please note that this class is a requirement for 7th grade students and above auditioning for the AMIS International Junior or Senior Honor Orchestra Festival.** The 2008 Honor Orchestra will be in Brussels, Belgium in February. Students interested in auditioning should contact Ms. Jeong to obtain a copy of the audition music. In addition, students who also want to take a choir elective class that meets during this same period (C) may be allowed to split their time between the two classes. However, the student must register for the Strings class, and will only receive credit and a grade for Strings Ensemble. Please contact your counselor for more information.

If you are not able to bring a string instrument from your country, there are a couple of options in finding one here in Egypt. First, the Strings Program has a few instruments to rent at very reasonable rates on a semester basis, but this is first come, first serve. There are no other rental options in Cairo. It is possible to rent an instrument in the USA and bring it over. Second, you can purchase new string instruments (mostly Chinese) in Cairo at very reasonable prices but the quality is difficult to predict. Please see the next link on this website for more information about renting and purchasing a string instrument.

Apologies for the volume of information! However, it is important to know the extent of the CAC Strings Program and your available options. We sincerely hope your stay in Egypt is full of joy, and one that will include your participation in the Strings Program. We look forward to answering any questions you may still have by contacting us via the information below.

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PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT DATES:

CAC Orchestra Holiday Concert: Saturday, December 8, 2:00 pm, CAC Theatre

Spring 08 Semester Registration: Monday, January 21, 5:00 – 7:00 pm in Room 600.

Classes Begin: Week of January 27

CAC Strings/Orchestra Spring Concert: Saturday, May 31, 2:00 pm, CAC Theatre

