Summer String Project Teachers (listed alphabetically)

**Violin and Viola Teachers**

**Diana Aleman Romero** is a senior undergrad studying music at Arizona State University. She has studied violin for 14 years and has loved teaching for the past 6. Her teaching focuses on musicality and proper technique while developing a love for making music. She teaches all ages and all levels from beginners to advanced players. She is also bilingual and can teach in both English and Spanish! She is available to start teaching now and times are flexible. Her rates are $10/30 minutes, $20/hour. Please feel free to reach out through text (773) 968-7110 or by email sofia.aleman@gmail.com!

**Danielle Brister** is a violinist in the ASU Philharmonia and is an ASU String Project violin instructor. She has been studying the violin for over 12 years, participating in youth symphonies throughout the valley and competing in music competitions. She also plays the piano, which she has studied for 8 years. Having taught for over 6 years, Danielle truly enjoys teaching others and sharing her love for music. She teaches beginning to advanced students, with specialties in classical music, orchestral music, pop music and music from musicals. Her rates are $35/hour online. She is also able to hold lessons at your home for an additional cost (depending on the location). Her availability is: weekdays (TBD) and weekends (both days, after 5pm). Please feel free to text her at 602-904-2274 or email her at dbriste1@asu.edu if interested!

**Rachelle Cortina** is an undergraduate student who is double majoring in Psychology and Music Therapy at ASU. She has been playing the violin for 11 years and has played in ASU's Philharmonia for two years. She is currently performing as an improvising violinist at her church and has filled in as a cellist and pianist when necessary. Lessons will take place on zoom, making her availability more flexible. Her guaranteed availability is during weekday afternoons up to 8:00pm and all day on Saturdays. She charges $15/30 minutes and $25/hour. You may call her at 480-760-3119 or email at rcortin1@asu.edu.

**Madison Holmes** is a first-year undergraduate studying Music Education. She possesses a hearty teaching background. She taught as a volunteer violin teacher through Harmony Project Phoenix, where she had four private students, volunteered at their December 2018 concert, and played in their orchestra. Additionally, she was a TA for the Arizona School for the Arts’ (my high school Alma Mater) young String Orchestra during her senior year. She was responsible for creating lesson plans with her fellow TA colleagues, facilitating small group work for the violinists, teaching the collective orchestra, and conducting two of their performances! She also has two students through the ASU String Project. She will be teaching through Zoom. She will charge $15 for 30-minute lessons, $25 for hourlong lessons, with online payments through Zelle. You can contact Madison at miholme2@asu.edu or 602-478-8542. If you have any questions regarding her teaching background, emphasis, or anything else, please don’t hesitate to contact her via text or email!

**Jingting Liu** is a doctoral student in Violin Performance studying in ASU School of Music. She has been learning the violin over 20 years, and has an 8-year teaching experience. Her teaching focuses on student’s interests and provides a professional teaching system. She is dedicated to improving student’s technique, understanding of music, practicing efficiency, and so on.
Lessons will be tailored to every student based on their skills and levels. She is available from 10am-noon and 1:30-6:00pm during this summer. She can teach in both English and Chinese, via either in-person or online lessons. And the lesson fee is $30 per hour, or $15 per 0.5 hour. Contact: 4805249311; Email: jliu219@asu.edu

**Alyssa Tappendorf** is a music education student at ASU. She teaches all levels of cello and piano and also teaches beginning violin and viola students. She offers lessons online or in person at her home near SR-51 and Thunderbird. Contact for availability, most weekdays throughout the summer. Her rate is $15 a half hour or $25 an hour. Contact for sibling/multiple instrument discounts. For more information, email alyssa.tappendorf@gmail.com or call/text 602-920-3517.

**Alvin Valentín** is currently a third year Music Education student at Arizona State University. He has studied violin for 9 years and has been teaching for 3. Alvin is bilingual in Spanish and English and can teach in both. He has participated as an ASU String Project teacher for the last 3 years and has participated as one of the class teachers for the last two. Alvin will begin teaching as of May 8th, with times available during the week and weekends and availability both online and in person. His rates are $20 for 30 minutes or $30 for an hour. Please feel free to contact him at (7870 642-1616 or at aavalent@asu.edu.

**Jamie Wu** had studied violin for almost 20 years, She did her undergrad and master in violin performance in Taiwan. Currently, she finished studying in her second master degree in violin performance pedagogy at Arizona State University, and will continue her DMA in fall 2021. She has been teaching for 6 yeas, and has been part of String Project for 2 years. Her lessons emphasize developing listening skills, instrument playing technique, musical sense, and performance opportunities. She also speaks Mandarin Chinese, if needed she offers bilingual teaching. She is available to teach violin (beginning to advanced), piano (beginning to intermediate). Also flexible with in person or online lessons. She charges $20 for 30 minutes, $40 for an hour. Lesson times can be arranged by contacting her phone(text preffered), Weekend times preferred, but other times are possible. 323-859-5470, jamiewu@asu.edu.

**Cello and Bass Teachers**

**Lauren Coleman** is graduating in May from Barrett, the Honors College, where they studied Secondary Education (History) with minors in Mathematics and Spanish and a certificate in Environmental Education. Lauren has played bass for 12 years. Growing up in Gilbert, Arizona, Lauren played in Metropolitan Youth Symphony and Youth Symphony of the Southwest in addition to participating in their school orchestra and choir programs as the President of Music Council at Gilbert Classical Academy. At ASU, Lauren performed with Philharmonia and Choral Union and greatly enjoyed teaching for String Project for the past four years. Lauren would be excited to teach your child either in their apartment in Tempe or outdoors on the ASU Tempe campus this summer; they charge $15 for 30 minutes and $25 for hour lessons. Please reach out to Lauren at 602-410-2233 or ljcolem2@asu.edu if you are interested in bass (all levels) or cello (beginner) lessons this summer.

**Isaac Ford** is a Music Education Major at Arizona State University. He will be giving online lessons over the break for double bass, guitar, and electric bass. He charges $10 for a 30 minute
lesson and $20 for an hour lesson. He is flexible as far as scheduling goes but primarily teach Tuesdays and Thursdays—simply reach out to him to arrange a good time. Lessons will be held over Zoom, in person at his apartment, or for an extra cost a place of your choosing. His email is isaacscottford@outlook.com.

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**Guitar Teachers**

**Pranjal Chaudhary** is a graduate student at Ira. A Fulton school of engineering, Arizona State University. He has been playing guitar professionally for the last 6 years. My teaching focuses on covering the concepts of guitar and its techniques. He is available to start teaching now, and his times are flexible. His rates are $12/30 minutes, $20/hour. Please feel free to text at 480-690-0171 or email at pranjalchaudhary1996@gmail.com

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**Piano Teachers**

**Leonard Huang** is pursuing a master’s degree in Piano Performance. He has been learning piano for over 11 years. His focus is helping students get better techniques and understanding of music. He is able to offer piano lessons from beginners to advanced level charging $30 per hour (or $15 for half an hour). He is available to teach any time after 2 pm everyday. Contact: 4802588082; jhuang158@asu.edu

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**For Summer Exploring Fun**

Global Strings Alliance has lots of wonderful videos to explore on their [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ-Lsrl8M_hKYqgkiZMYZw?view_as=subscriber). Learn about all things having to do with string instruments and string playing!
Other Summer Opportunities

**Metropolitan Youth Symphony Summer Camp**, & Guitar Camp. Classes meet June 21-25 from 8:00-3:00 at LDS Church, 977 E. Broadway, in Mesa (just west of Stapley), for students in grades 5-9. Audition required on June 9-16 if not a member of MYS. Tuition $275. MiniCamp (no audition required) June 21-25 from 8:00-12:00, Tuition $175. See [https://www.azmys.org/camp](https://www.azmys.org/camp) for more information.

**West Valley Youth Orchestra**, Chamber Music Summer Camp with Quartet Sabaku. Classes meet June 21-25, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 400 S. Litchfield Rd, Litchfield Park, with a concert at 5:00 pm Friday evening. Open to string students ages 10-20. Camp activities include: Quartet and trio rehearsal and coaching, orchestra (2 levels), theory class, sectionals, compose your own music, special guest professional musicians. Registration through May 26 ($25 discount before May 10), $315, audition June 5. For more information, audition requirements and instructor bios, see [https://wvyo.org/summer-camp/](https://wvyo.org/summer-camp/), or email Claire Gordon at wvyoconductor@wvyo.org

**Chaparral Chamber Music Workshop**: FUN weekend workshop, June 11-13, in historic Prescott, AZ (2 hours north of Phoenix) features great small ensemble music for piano, string, percussion, woodwind & brass players. No previous chamber music experience needed; separate youth (13-18) and adult (18-onwards) tracks are available; adult learners group. Ensemble skills are built in a relaxing, supportive atmosphere. Musicians play several pieces of different instrumentation, mailed in advance. They leave with new skills and repertoire ideas to explore over the coming year. Each participant receives 6 hours of professional faculty coaching, plus group-led rehearsal time. Preformed groups are welcome! Celebration Concert Sunday, June 11 at 3:00. The course fee of $215.00 includes 6 hours of coach-led sessions, ensemble rehearsal time, sheet music, two clinics, Friday dinner, great experience and great fun! For information email: chamber@chaparralmusicfest.org or phone 480-980-6516, [https://chaparralchambermusicworkshop.wordpress.com/](https://chaparralchambermusicworkshop.wordpress.com/).

**StringPlay—A Creative Camp** for String Players, directed by violinist/fiddler Taylor Morris. Grades 8-12, $350, June 7-11, 11:00-1:00. Camp is held online for 2021; learn to play by ear, to improvise, to jam, and to use music theory. Tuition $200, with camp shirt. For more information and registration, visit the camp website: [www.stringplaycamp.com](http://www.stringplaycamp.com).

**More Opportunities for 2021-22 School Year!**

We will again have private lessons and classes through the String Project next fall. We hope you’ll come back! Information about the schedule and about registering for fall String Project classes and lessons will be available by August at [https://musicdancetheatre.asu.edu/string-project](https://musicdancetheatre.asu.edu/string-project). If you want more challenging music than String Project Saturday classes, try private lessons and/or any of these youth orchestras:

**Metropolitan Youth Symphony**: Five orchestras, a band, and a Fiddle group for students in grades 5-9, rehearses Thursday afternoons or evenings at Westwood High School in Mesa, 4:30-6:00 or 6:30-8:30. For more information, see the web site, [http://www.azmys.org](http://www.azmys.org), or call 480-456-9501. Auditions are held by appointment in August; register by August 1.
Phoenix Symphony Guild Youth Symphonies: Four orchestras for grades 5-12, rehearses Wednesday evenings at Central HS in Phoenix, 6:30-8:30. For more information, see http://www.phoenixyouthsymphony.org. Auditions held in May for the following school year.

East Valley Youth Symphony: Three orchestras for elementary through college students. Rehearses at Higley High School, Gilbert High School, or Cooley Middle School. Auditions held in August; register by May 31. For more information see the web site, http://www.evysaz.org.

West Valley Youth Symphony: Two orchestras for students in grades 3-12. Rehearsals are Mondays: WVYO 6:15-8:15 pm and Cadets 6:15-7:30 pm, at Wigwam Creek Middle School, Litchfield Park. For more information, http://wvyo.org/.

Gilbert Town Fiddlers: For students in grades 9-12, fiddling and improvising. Auditions on Saturday, May 26. The group rehearse Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30 at Discovery Community Church in Gilbert (Lindsay and Ray). For more information: http://gilberttownfiddlers.com/auditions/.

Youth Symphony of the Southwest: One orchestra for ages 15-19. Rehearsals are Mondays, 4:45-7:00 at Dobson High School, 1501 W. Guadalupe in Mesa. Auditions held April 29-May 3 for the following year. http://yssw.symphonyofthesouthwest.org/.

North Valley Symphony: Four levels of orchestras for elementary-high school students and adults. See https://www.northvalleysymphony.org/ for more information.

Tetra String Quartet Chamber Music Institute: Learn to play in small ensembles of 4-6 students with weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings. $600 for 26 weeks, scholarships available. Register by July 1. Information at https://tetrainstitute.org/about-tcmi.