Summer String Project Teachers (listed alphabetically)

Violin, Viola, and Cello Teachers

**Olivia Bolles** is an 18-year-old violinist currently studying with Dr. Katherine McLin at Arizona State University. She is pursuing degrees in Violin Performance and English (creative writing). Olivia has been playing since she was 4 years old, and began her studies at a Suzuki school in Chicago. Her most recent private teachers are Dr. Sarah Gentry of Illinois State University and Dr. Katherine McLin of Arizona State University. Olivia is an active orchestral and collaborative musician at Arizona State University; she also subs regularly with the West Valley Symphony. Some of her most notable positions include Concertmaster of the Phoenix Youth Symphony in 2020-2021 and Concertmaster of the Bloomington Normal Youth Symphony from 2016-2019. She has won several competitions in the Illinois area, including the Young Artists Competition in 2018 when she received the opportunity to play Mendelssohn Violin Concerto with the Peoria Illinois Symphony Orchestra. In past summers, Olivia has attended the Chamber Music Academy at University of Illinois, the Violin Institute at Interlochen Center for the Arts, and Montecito International Music Festival. This summer, Olivia is attending Eastern Music Festival on a full scholarship to further her orchestral musicianship. When she’s not playing violin, she’s exploring an art museum, chipping away at her “Want to Read” list, or getting coffee with a friend. Olivia will teach **violin and viola** in Chandler, $25 an hour, $17.50 for half hour. You may contact her at 309-533-5796 or obolles@asu.edu.

**Katelyn Cabrera** is a senior in her undergraduate and had been playing cello for 8 years and teaching music for 9! She started her undergraduate degree at NAU where she studied Music Education and has transitioned into a music degree here at ASU. She will be offering **cello and piano** lessons over the summer, along with **beginning violin**, and charges $30 for an hour and $15 for the half hour. Payments are done in cash, check, Zelle, or Venmo. You can contact her at katelyncabrera13@gmail.com or call/text her at 4803985755. Once you have contacted her she will discuss where to meet in-person or online and times.

**Rachelle Cortina** is an undergraduate student who is double majoring in Psychology and Music Therapy at ASU. She has been playing the violin for 12 years and the cello for 6 years. She is continuing higher level training as a violinist under the instruction of Dr. Jonathan Swartz. She has played in ASU's Philharmonia as a violinist and currently as a cellist for over two years. She is currently performing as an improvising violinist at her church and has filled in as a cellist and pianist when necessary. She is offering lessons for **violinists (up to the advanced level), violists (up to intermediate), and cellists (up to intermediate)**. Lessons will take place on Zoom, making her availability more flexible throughout the summer. 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 contact her via phone 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!

Brooke Mickelson graduated in May 2022 with a Master of Music Performance (Performance Pedagogy) degree and a Music Entrepreneurship Certificate. Working as a viola studio TA, she has pursued music teaching and community outreach opportunities to make a more meaningful impact on her community. She has worked with 34 students ages 7 to 70 over the last six years. She is available to teach violin and viola via Zoom on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. She charges $30 per 30 minute lesson. You can contact her by email brookemick28@gmail.com or call/text (208)870-0256.

Alyssa Tappendorf is a music education student at ASU. She teaches all levels of cello and piano, beginning and intermediate violin, and beginning viola. She offers lessons in person at her home near State Route 51 and Thunderbird, or online. She has 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.

Yueching Ting graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy in 2020 and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance at Arizona State University. As an enthusiastic and passionate musician, Yueching has participated in a wide variety of musical activities including orchestral performances at Carnegie Hall and the Sydney Opera House. She also formerly served as the concertmaster of the Broken Arrow High School Chamber Orchestra, and has been a part of the OkMEA All-State Orchestra, Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute Orchestra, Tulsa Youth Symphony, and is currently a member of the ASU Symphony Orchestra. Yueching has really enjoyed teaching and watching the growth of each of her students in the ASU String Project this past school year. She would love to teach private lessons for violin and viola this summer and help your child get closer to their goal over Zoom for $15 per 30-minute lesson. For more information please feel free to reach out at ytingviolin@gmail.com or (918) 845-0218.

For Summer Exploring Fun

Global Strings Alliance has lots of wonderful FREE videos to explore on their YouTube channel. Learn about all things having to do with string instruments and string playing! (See https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ-Lsrvl8M_hKYqgkiZMYZw?view_as=subscriber) You can find many other interesting videos and tutorials for strings on YouTube.

http://stringtechnique.com is a very complete resource for all things related to strings. It has excellent videos and photos for anything you want to learn about.
Other Summer Opportunities

**Metropolitan Youth Symphony Summer Camp & Guitar Camp.** Classes meet June 20-24 from 8:00-3:00 at 830 E. 2nd Ave. in Mesa, for students in grades 5-9. Audition required on June 8-15 for full day camp. Tuition $280. MiniCamp (for 1st year string players, no audition required) June 21-25 from 8:00-12:00, Tuition $180. 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 20-24, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Desert Springs Community Church, 14440 W. Indian School 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 $315 through May 25 ($20 discount before May 9), audition June 4. 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 3-5, 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 7-12, $350, June 6-11, 8:30-1:00, with a concert June 11 at 2:00. Learn to play by ear, to improvise, to jam, and to use music theory. Tuition $325, with camp shirt. For more information and registration, visit the camp website: [www.stringplaycamp.com](http://www.stringplaycamp.com).

**More Opportunities for 2022-23 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, 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. Submit auditions by June 12. The group rehearses 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 25-26 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-temi.