



# Superior String Alliance

## Young Strings Camps



July 21, 2008 – August 1, 2008

## The Superior String Alliance

The Superior String Alliance is a nonprofit, community-based musical arts organization promoting excellence in string playing in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Since 1987, the Young Strings Camps have offered young musicians an opportunity to gain leadership and ensemble skills. Music and technical abilities are nurtured during Orchestra rehearsals, private lessons, chamber groups, and specialized class sessions. The Page Center is located on Little Lake, near Gwinn, Michigan, providing a perfect setting for making music, swimming, and other outdoor activities. Camps are licensed by the State of Michigan.

### 2008 Young Strings Camps

#### Elementary Camp July 21-25

This camp is designed for children 8-11 years old who have had at least one year playing experience. This five-day, four night camp session provides students with rhythm, note, and technique classes, along with private lessons and regular orchestra rehearsals.

**Tuition: Early Bird Registration**  
**By June 8, 2008 \$250**  
**After June 8, 2008 \$275**

**Non-refundable \$50 deposit due with Registration Form**

## Intermediate Camp July 27-August 1

This camp session serves students, ages 12-16, who have had 3 or more years of playing experience. Students will participate in daily orchestra rehearsals, technique classes, small ensembles and sectionals, and receive a private lesson during the week.

**Tuition: Early Bird Registration**  
**By June 8, 2008 \$300**  
**After June 8, 2008 \$350**

**Non-refundable \$50 deposit due with Registration Form**

All registration forms are available online at:  
<http://www.superiorstringalliance.com>.  
Registration and payments can also be completed online.

**Scholarships** - Limited scholarships are available for each strings camp. To apply for a scholarship, the student must write a paragraph describing why he or she would like to attend this camp. Parents must write a paragraph describing their need for scholarship assistance. These submissions are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee in confidence to assure privacy. Partial, or in rare cases, full scholarships will be awarded based on need and available funds. Scholarship requests and paragraphs must accompany the Registration Form.

The Young Strings Camps' music experience includes the following:

- Stretching warm-ups
- Orchestra rehearsals
- Sectionals
- Private lessons
- Instrument technique
- Integration of music theory and music history into orchestra rehearsal
- Mini-lectures and presentations on a variety of topics

## Concerts

Parents are invited to the opening faculty recital and a closing concert of orchestra and chamber groups. During the Intermediate Camp, there will also be an Honors Student Recital.



## Recreation and Other Activities:

Each day includes quiet time and free recreation with fully supervised waterfront activities, as well as ping pong, volleyball, board games, nature hikes, an annual talent show, campfires, and other fun.

## Intermediate Camp Conductor

Jed Fritzemeier (Music Director/Double Bass) is the Orchestra Director of the Chelsea Public Schools. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan in 1985 with a Master's degree in double bass performance. From 1989-1995, Jed worked in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Waukesha, Wisconsin and Roseville, Minnesota. In Waukesha, Jed was voted North High School teacher of the year by the National Honor Society. Also, Jed was the founding artistic director of the Wisconsin American String Teacher's Elementary String Camp. Jed's most recent innovation is a Celtic music ensemble called the Chelsea House Orchestra. Jed has presented workshops at the Midwest Convention in Ann Arbor, Michigan three times. Jed has been a member of several regional symphonies around the Midwest. Jed has also performed in jazz, big band, polka, country, rock and folk bands throughout the country.

## Elementary Camp Conductor

### Camp Director

Kyle Danek, born and raised in Marquette, a graduate of Northern Michigan University with a B.S. in Physiology, currently pursuing a M.S. in Biology at NMU and will be starting University of Michigan's School of Dentistry beginning this fall. Primary instrument is the Violin, and also plays Piano, Guitar, and the Trumpet. Past involvement in numerous Marquette area arts

programs such as the Marquette Symphony Orchestra, the NMU Orchestra, the Marquette Choral Society, the NMU Music/Drama Department, the Vista theatre productions, and Lakeside Strings music camp.

For more information on the Superior String Alliance, the Young Strings Camps, and how you can either contribute to the organization or volunteer to help the Alliance, contact Gwen Hetler at:

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