



2007 Superior String Alliance Festival Orchestra Intern Program

July 29-August 4 – Page Center, Little Lake, Michigan

An immersion in professional orchestra literature and performance for aspiring musicians ages 16 and older

What does it mean to be an orchestra intern?

- pride in mastering brilliant works from the standard orchestral repertoire
- confidence in your ability to interact successfully in a professional orchestra
- the thrill of breathtaking performances with world-class artists
- musical revelations in lessons and classes with experienced, caring teachers
- the joy of new friendships (and strengthening old ones) through music
- developing leadership, responsibility, and professionalism making your dream of playing professionally come true

The Superior Music Festival is a classical summer series of international stature. Professional orchestra musicians and artist-teachers from all across the nation come together to study and perform against the stunning backdrop of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The consistent quality of performances by the Superior Festival Orchestra, along with the Superior String Alliance's unusual community-based approach, has earned the organization national recognition in the form of articles in professional journals, world premieres, national convention appearances, and radio broadcasts.

"My experience has made me want to play like Midori! It was a turning point for me, in a musical sense – 18-year old violin intern

"It was fantastic! It got me really fired up about playing and inspired me to practice at home." – 17-year old cello intern

"I'm so glad I could come. Thanks for introducing me to my future teacher--I'm changing my major to music." – 21-year-old violin intern

"Everyone is fired up, and they're willing to help you out. There's more emphasis on group success than on individual competition." – 20-year-old violin intern.

Eligibility

Interns must be at least sixteen years old at the time of the application, unless special arrangements are made with the Camp Director. Six violinists, three violists, three cellists, and two bassists will be accepted on the basis of performance ability, performance experience, and teacher recommendation. Positions for woodwind and brass players may also be available. Applicants aged 18 and older will be given priority. Younger players may apply, but cannot be guaranteed housing at the camp facility.

Curriculum

Full and string orchestra rehearsals, string sectionals, private lessons, and chamber music rehearsals comprise the curriculum. Interns perform with the Superior Festival Orchestra and prepare their own public chamber music concert, and have the opportunity to attend additional performances by festival artists.

Housing

Housing and Recreation Camp facilities at the Page Center, Little Lake, Michigan, a private waterfront, beautiful wooded campgrounds, indoor and outdoor recreational facilities. Accommodations are rustic but comfortable, in a main lodge or individual cabins. Tent and trailer camping are permitted with permission of the Camp Coordinator.

Fees

\$350 Tuition, room and board

\$250 Tuition only, for commuting students

A deposit of \$100 must be included at the time of application, with the balance paid at registration. Deposit is non-refundable, unless the student is not accepted. Partial tuition waivers and work-study opportunities are available. Contact the Executive Director (see below).

Return completed application by **June 1, 2007**, with \$100 deposit to:

Jeff Marlowe, SSA Treasurer
333 West Ridge
Marquette, MI 49855
906-226-7068

Send audition tapes by **June 1, 2007** to:

Lee Copenhaver, Intern Coordinator
Department of Music
Grand Valley State University,
Allendale, MI 49401

For further information contact:

Lee Copenhaver copenhal@gvsu.edu.
Stan Wright - ssaExecDirector@aol.com or 906-360-0431



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All information must be complete; please include a late summer telephone contact.

Name: _____

Name of parent or guardian (if under 18): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ email: _____

Age: _____ Gender M / F

Instrument: _____ Years studied: _____

Signature (or parent's signature if under 18):

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION Please assess the student's abilities in each category.

Rhythmic accuracy

Intonation

Sight reading

Preparation for rehearsals

Attitude and professionalism

Potential for success as an SSA intern

Please assess your student's solo and chamber music abilities (recent pieces performed)

(Use back of sheet)

Additional comments (optional) (Use back of sheet)

Teacher's signature _____

Teacher's phone: _____ email _____

This application is not complete without an audition tape.

Audition tapes must be sent to Intern Coordinator Lee Copenhaver, Department of Music, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI 49401 by June 1, 2007.