About Our Teachers

Cellist Kara Hartten began her musical studies at the age of five in her hometown of Redding, Connecticut. She has studied with Drs. Darlynn Manzing, Yeon-Ji Yun, and Eric Edberg, as well as in masterclasses with renowned cellists such as Yo-Yo Ma, Matt Haimovitz, Nicholas Autofinine, Anna Gilbert and Lascari Varga. After completing both a Bachelor of Music Performance and a Bachelor of Arts in French at DePaul University, Kara continued her musical and cultural studies in Versailles, France, while taking a French course at the Université Inter-Agés de Versailles. Kara studied cello with Natalie Jacquet at the Conservatoire d'Évry outside of Paris. Currently, Kara is pursuing a Master of Music degree in cello performance and instrumental conducting under Dr. Simona Burzu and Dr. James Pepejny. In May of 2010, Kara performed with UND's Red River Trio on a tour of China and Japan. In addition, she is a graduate teaching assistant at the University of North Dakota. Kara conducts the Allegro ensemble of the Northern Valley Youth Orchestra and performs with the Great Grand Fork Symphony and Fargo Moorhead Symphony Orchestras, as well as works with local NYSO programs and teaches private lessons.

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Violinist Carlos Breña Gastafadu started his studies at the age of twelve in his hometown of Lima, Peru. As a student, Carlos studied under Prof. Percy Divita and performed as concertmaster with the National Children's Symphony Orchestra and the National Youth Symphonic Orchestra of Peru. He obtained both a Bachelor's Degree and a Licenciate Title in Violin Performance at the National Conservatory of Music in Lima under Elvia Poureadedan. Carlos has participated in several international music festivals and music courses, including the Iberian American Youth Orchestra (Spain and Portugal), Flanders Festival (Belgium), and Fontainebleau American Conservatory (France). In masterclasses, Carlos has performed for renowned concert violinists Midori Goto and Gerard Poulet. Apart from his musical studies, Carlos gained extensive experience teaching through Peru's National System of Children and Youth Choirs and Symphonic Orchestras of the Ministry of Education, where he was hired as String Instructor and Conductor Assistant. Currently, Carlos is pursuing a Master’s degree in Violin Performance at the University of North Dakota under Dr. Alejandro Drago. He is first violinist in the UND Student String Quartet.

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Additional Information

Where should I get my string instrument? What size do I need?

While adult students require a "full size" violin or cello, younger students must be fitted to a smaller sized instrument. Instruments are available to be fitted and rented at local businesses such as Arioso Music Academy, Poppler's Music, and Scott's Music.

Should I buy or rent an instrument?

We advise younger students to start by renting an instrument, as sizes need to be adjusted as the student grows. If you are interested in purchasing an instrument and aren't sure where to start, please contact us for more information.

Location and Parking

Classes will be held at the Hughes Fine Arts Center on the University of North Dakota campus.

Parking options currently available:

- A Hughes Fine Arts Community Member Parking Pass can be purchased by the semester for $20 from UND's Parking Services
- Metered parking spots are available in the front row of the HFAC parking lot

Questions?

Call Kara Hartten at (203) 448-9799, email at kara.hartten@my.und.edu, or visit us online at:

http://arts-sciences.und.edu/music/community-music.cfm

Group String Lessons

Violin & Cello

Children through Adult

Information and Registration

Community Music at UND

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Music
About the Group String Lesson Program

Why Group Lessons?

- Playing with others is fun! Students will learn to play an instrument in a small group with other students of similar age and ability. Students that perceive one-on-one lessons as “stressful” or “intimidating” often find class lessons more suitable to their learning style. Violin and cello lessons can be just as fun as ballet or karate lessons!
- Start violin and cello lessons before string lessons are available at school
- Reinforce and build upon school music lessons
- Learn to collaborate with other students; group lessons are an excellent opportunity to prepare for an audition for the Northern Valley Youth Orchestra
- Students can broaden their musical knowledge through group trivia, improvisation, and ensemble activities
- Students can learn from their peers as well as their teacher
- Adult students can participate in a fulfilling enrichment activity and prepare themselves for the UND Community Orchestra!

Classes

Group lessons will be offered for beginning students and students with less than one year of experience.

Class times TBA following student registration.

String classes are 60 minutes long.

Students will be grouped in lessons together depending on age and musical experience.

Private violin/cello lessons are also available

Violin

Two levels of class are available for violin:

Class Violin A, for students with no previous string experience

Class Violin B, for students with less than one year of experience

Cello

Two levels of class are available for cello:

Suzuki Class Cello A*, for students with no previous string experience

Class Cello B, for students with less than one year of string experience

*About Suzuki Cello Lessons*

Cello instructor Kara Hartten is registered by the Suzuki Association of the Americas. The Suzuki Method is an extremely successful “mother-tongue” approach to music learning and involves parental attendance and participation at lessons and at home. No music experience is necessary! Adults welcome! Please contact Kara Hartten and visit suzukiassociation.org for additional information.

Tuition and Payment Options

Lessons may be paid by semester:

10 lessons for $200

Books/materials are the responsibility of the student (approx. $10)

A tuition refund will not be given following the start of classes

Registration Form

Student Name: ________________________

Age and Grade (or Adult): ______________________

Previous String Experience? Explain if applicable: ______________________

Previous Musical/ Instrumental Experience? Explain:

Parents Names (if applicable): ______________________

Email Address: ______________________

Phone Number: ______________________

Please select a class option (Classes will be grouped by age):

[ ] Suzuki Cello Class A

[ ] Beginner Cello Class B

[ ] Beginner Violin Class A

[ ] Beginner Violin Class B

[ ] Please contact me regarding private lessons

Full tuition is due by the first class.

Checks should be addressed to University of North Dakota

Check the website for online registration

Following registration, students will be contacted regarding class schedules

Please return this completed form (and payment) by two weeks before the start date cited online to:

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