

chamber music @ Hoff-Barthelson Music School

The Hoff-Barthelson Music School Chamber Music Program, directed by HBMS faculty member Donna Elaine, offers small ensemble experience to intermediate and advanced instrumentalists and pianists. The program is open to students who will maintain the highest standard of dedication, commitment, and attendance.

Chamber Music I – String, woodwind, and brass players with ability equivalent to NYSSMA Level 2-4. Pianists by teacher recommendation and placement meeting. Coached sessions will be 45 minutes in length.

Chamber Music II – String, woodwind, and brass players with ability equivalent to NYSSMA Level 4-6. Pianists by teacher recommendation and placement meeting. Coached sessions will be 60 minutes in length.

Piano Ensemble – Intermediate pianists NEW to chamber music; also available to intermediate and advanced students who prefer to play in a piano ensemble. Coached sessions will be 60 minutes in length.

Chamber Music I and II coaching sessions may be held on any day of the week from 3:00-9:00 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. **Piano ensemble coaching sessions** may be held on Mondays between the hours of 3:45-7:00 pm, and Saturdays between 12:00-2:15 pm, and 3:30-5:00 pm.



We do our best to place every student, but we cannot guarantee placement. Ensembles are formed based on age, ability and availability.



Want to learn more about the Chamber Music and Piano Ensemble Programs?

Parents, current and prospective students are invited to join us at our in-person **Chamber Music Open House on Wednesday, September 1, 6:00-8:30 pm**. Students will have an opportunity to participate in chamber music activities, music games, and ensemble rehearsals while parents attend an interactive meeting with program directors Donna Elaine and Tomoko Uchino and Deans Kathy Jones and Christopher Kenniff. All will enjoy pizza and performances by faculty and student ensembles. Parents unable to attend in person are invited to participate in the meeting and Q&A with the program directors and deans via Zoom.

[RSVP HERE](#)

6:00-7:00 pm: music games and pizza; 7:00-8:00 pm: Program overview and Q&A for parents; chamber music rehearsals for students; 8:00-8:30 pm: faculty and student performances.



NEW! Chamber Music Piano Ensemble Program

We are excited to announce a new **Piano Ensemble Division of the Chamber Music Program**. This program is available for intermediate to advanced piano students who would like to develop ensemble and sightreading skills as well as enjoy the social and emotional benefits of participating in music-making with others.

The Piano Ensemble Program is coordinated by Dr. Tomoko Uchino, a longtime HBMS faculty member in chamber music and collaborative piano. The curriculum will focus on the development of sightreading and ensemble skills necessary for playing in a mixed (piano/winds/strings) chamber music ensemble. The program will be held in our state-of-the-art piano lab.

Pianists new to the chamber music program will be placed in the Piano Ensemble Program. Exceptions will be made for experienced chamber music pianists. Returning piano chamber music students may opt for this program as well.

Placement Meetings for the 2021-2022 school year will be held Tuesday, September 7, and Wednesday, September 8, 2021, between the hours of 3:00-9:00 pm.

[Schedule a Placement Meeting Here!](#)