

2026 MASTA Chamber Music Festival & Competition

Rules & Information

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Register early to secure placement. The registration and payment must be received by Friday, February 13, 2026.

Date/Location:

- Monday, March 2, 2026 (9:30am - 5:00pm)
- Michigan State University College of Music (333 W Circle Dr, East Lansing, MI 48824)

Faculty (alphabetical order):

- Mike Chen (Michigan State University)
- Jamie Fiste (Central Michigan University)
- Yvonne Lam (Michigan State University)
- Eric Nowlin (Michigan State University)
- Sarah Plum (Music Institute of Chicago)

Ensemble Sessions Include:

- Faculty Performance
- Individual Coaching with Faculty (60 min)
- Two Enrichment Classes
 - Ensemble Leadership Workshop with Andrew Kales
 - Music Entrepreneurship with Rodney Page
- Competition Performance (open to public, all festival participants are encouraged to attend)

Festival/Competition Schedule Overview:

- Registration: 9:30am
- Faculty Performance: 10:00 am - 10:30 am
- Coaching/Enrichment Class Sessions: 10:35 am - 2:35 pm with break for lunch (not included)
- Competition (open to public): 3:30pm

Festival Registration Fee (Per Student)

Please note that the Registration and Payment must be submitted by Friday, **February 13, 2026**.

- \$53 for Festival Only (non-competing)
- \$63 for Festival & Competition
- (Additional fee of \$10/per group for Non-MASTA Member Coach/Teacher)

Eligibility (All Participants):

- Must be Michigan residents.
- Ensembles must have two or more players
- Must be recommended by their teacher/coach.
- For duet, only string duets will be allowed (e.g. a violin sonata with piano will not be accepted)
- For trio and larger groups, the majority of the ensemble must be strings.
- Examples of ensembles include String Trio, Quartet, Quintet, Piano Trio, etc.
- Only one musician per part and the performances cannot be conducted.
- Each group must bring an extra copy of the score for coaching.
- Students may only participate in one ensemble.

“Festival Only” Participants:

- Open to students in grades 7-12

“Festival and Competition” Participants:

- Open to students in grades 9-12
- Must perform a substantial repertoire chosen from any period.
- Students must participate in the festival to compete.
- All members of the competing ensemble must be available to perform at the MSBOA Honors Recital if they are chosen as the winner - MSBOA Honors Recital, **Friday, May 8, 2026 at 7pm** (Tech Rehearsal at 4:30pm), Oakland University.
- The winning ensemble will receive a \$200 monetary prize

Registration

Each group will need to submit the registration and the payment together. Either a teacher/coach or a designated adult will need to fill out the registration on behalf of the group by following this link: [Registration](#)

You will need:

- Contact Information for the coach/teacher and other primary contact (if applicable)
- Ensemble and Repertoire Information
- Name, Instrument, Grade of each participant
- Additional email addresses to receive future communications (if applicable)
- Proof of Payment (PayPal transaction ID)

Payment

To complete your registration, please use the PayPal link provided below for payment AND provide the transaction ID as proof of payment at the time of registration. The Michigan American String Teachers Association (MASTA) only accepts PayPal payments for this event.

Registration Payment Links (Please Select One: MASTA member or Non-Member)

- Submit ONE payment per group.
- Select the appropriate option from the dropdown menu: "Festival Only" or "Festival & Competition."
- Select the quantity (number of participants in the group).
- If the coach/teacher is not a current MASTA member, the additional \$10 fee per group will need to be paid. It will be listed as a "Shipping Fee" and added to your transaction.
- After payment, provide your PayPal transaction ID in the answer text as proof of payment for your registration.

MASTA Member

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/WY5L9U59P9PM2>

Non-MASTA Member (additional \$10 fee per group)

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/RQ652A6N7NZJU>

If you need more time with the payment, please submit the registration and email the PayPal payment confirmation to jkim@albion.edu. Once the registration form is in, you will receive a reminder email to submit your proof of payment and the additional health insurance and consent forms.

Questions?

Please contact Dr. Ji Hyun Kim, the MASTA Chamber Music Festival & Competition Chair (jkim@albion.edu).

