

2007 Concert Calendar

- Thursday, June 14th, 7:00 pm
Benitez Chapel, Episcopal High School
Middle School Chamber Music
- Friday, June 15th, 7:00 pm
Underwood Theatre, Episcopal High School
Middle School String Orchestra
- Thursday, June 21st, 7:00 pm
Julie Rogers Theatre
Southeast Texas String Orchestra, Chamber Music, and Piano
- Thursday, June 21st, 7:00 pm
Underwood Theatre, Episcopal High School
Enso String Quartet & AFA Honor String Quartets
- Saturday, June 23rd, 4:00 pm
Moore's Opera House at University of Houston
AFA Symphony Orchestra with Southeast Texas Strings
- Wednesday, June 27th, 7:00 pm
Rothko Chapel • Faculty Ensembles Recital
- Friday, June 29th, 7:00 pm
Zilkha Hall at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts
AFA Symphony Orchestra & AFA Big Band
- Thursday, July 5th, 7:00 pm
Benitez Chapel, Episcopal High School
Student Chamber Music
- Friday, July 6th, 7:00 pm
Ovations • Solo Voice Recital
- Saturday, July 7th, 2:00 pm
Underwood Theatre, Episcopal High School
Student Chamber Music
- Saturday, July 7th, 7:00 pm
DiverseWorks • Club AFA Faculty Concert
- Tuesday, July 10th, 7:00 pm
Benitez Chapel, Episcopal High School
Student Chamber Music
- Wednesday, July 11th, 7:00 pm
St. Thomas University, Cullen Hall • Solo Piano Recital
- Thursday, July 12th, 7:00 pm
Zilkha Hall at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts
World Premieres Concert
- Friday, July 13th, 7:00 pm
South Main Baptist Church • Choral Concert
- Saturday, July 14th, 4:00 pm
Underwood Theatre, Episcopal High School
AFA Symphony Orchestra

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About AFA

American Festival for the Arts (AFA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) music education and concert presenting organization based in Houston, Texas. Founded in 1993, AFA was inspired by the desire to enhance the future of American culture and music by providing nationally competitive, community-based educational opportunities of lasting impact for youth thereby encouraging the realization of students' full potential and by broadening the audience for both the American and classical music repertory.



In the summer of 1996, AFA reached its goal of establishing an annual Summer Music Conservatory and Concert Series for the youth and communities of Houston, Texas. Through its twelve year history, the Conservatory has experienced significant annual growth in enrollment, faculty, curriculum, special projects and collaborations and is recognized as one of the most important annual events in Houston's cultural life and as a model for programs of its kind around the nation. With campuses located at Episcopal High School (Houston) and Austin Middle School (Beaumont), the Conservatory takes place during June and July, enrolls talented fourth through twelfth grade students from the communities in and around each campus and provides important need-based tuition scholarship support for deserving students.



In 2006, AFA enrolled over 250 students from more than 100 different local middle and senior high schools and presented seventeen concerts to thousands of area music lovers featuring more American works and world premieres than any other area presenter.



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2007 SUMMER MUSIC CONSERVATORY

"Making Music Matter"

Orchestra & Chamber Music

Program Dates

June 11th-July 14th, 2007 • Monday-Friday

Daily Hours

8:45 am-3:30 pm

Who May Apply

Graduating 8th-graduating 12th grade woodwind, brass, string, percussion, and harp players

Tuition

\$875

Daily Activities

Symphony Orchestra • Chamber Music
Music Theory, History, and Elective Classes
Private lessons with AFA faculty



Piano

Program Dates

June 11th-July 14th, 2007 • Monday-Friday

Daily Hours

8:45 am-3:30 pm

Who May Apply

Graduating 8th-graduating 12th grade pianists

Tuition

\$875

Daily Activities

Master Class • Guided Practice
Chamber Music and/or Piano duos
Music Theory, History and Elective Classes
Private lessons with AFA faculty



Composition

Program Dates

June 11th-July 14th, 2007 • Monday-Friday

Daily Hours

8:45 am-3:30 pm

Who May Apply

Graduating 8th-graduating 12th grade composers

Tuition

\$875

Daily Activities

Composition Symposium • Repertory Class
Reading Sessions • Orchestration Projects
Music Theory, History, and Elective Classes
Private lessons with AFA faculty



Middle School String Orchestra

Program Dates

June 4th-15th, 2007 • Monday-Friday

Daily Hours

8:45 am-12:45 pm

Who May Apply

Graduating 4th-graduating 8th grade string players
(violin, viola, cello, or bass)

Tuition

\$395

Daily Activities

String Orchestra & Sectionals
Chamber Music • Musicianship Class

Intensive Jazz Workshop

Program Dates

June 25th-June 30th, 2007 • Monday-Friday

Daily Hours

8:45 am-5:30 pm

Who May Apply

Graduating 8th-graduating 12th grade saxophone (all ranges), trumpet, trombone, bass trombone, trap set, guitar, bass (electric and acoustic), piano/keyboard, and percussion students. Other instruments may be admitted at the discretion of the AFA Jazz Faculty — please contact AFA for further details.

Tuition

\$395

Daily Activities

Big Band • Jazz Combos • Sectionals
Music Theory, History, and Elective Classes
Private lessons with AFA faculty



Choral and Vocal Studies

Program Dates

June 25th-July 13th, 2007 • Monday-Friday

Daily Hours

8:45 am-3:30 pm

Who May Apply

Graduating 8th-graduating 12th grade singers,
all voice types and ranges

Tuition

\$575

Daily Activities

Chamber Choir • Madrigals
Diction & Sight-Singing Class
Music Theory, History, and Electives
Mixed Chorus • Group Voice Class
Private Voice Lessons with AFA faculty

Southeast Texas Strings & Piano

Program Dates

June 4th-June 23rd, 2007 • Monday-Friday

Daily Hours

8:45 am-3:00 pm

Who May Apply

Graduating 5th-graduating 12th grade violin, viola, cello, bass & piano students

Tuition

\$295

Daily Activities

Orchestra (strings) • Chamber Music
Collaboration with AFA Houston
Symphony Orchestra (strings)
Daily Master Class (piano) • Music Theory &
History Classes • Private lessons with AFA faculty

Admission & Scholarships

Students are accepted into the Conservatory through an audition and interview process, which seeks out not only technically proficient students but also those with a strong desire to improve themselves regardless of background or experience.

For families for whom tuition may not be affordable, tuition assistance is based primarily on need and is provided through AFA's Scholarship Enrichment Fund. The AFA Scholarship Committee reviews scholarship applications only after a student has auditioned and been accepted into their respective program. AFA is dedicated to ensuring that all qualified and motivated young musicians have an opportunity to share in the Conservatory experience.

Campus Locations

Houston: Orchestra & Chamber Music, Piano, Composition, Middle School String Orchestra, Jazz, Choir
Epicopal High School
4650 Bissonnet Street (at I-610 West)
Bellaire, Texas 77401
713-512-3680 (June and July only)

Southeast Texas: Strings and Piano
Austin Middle School
3410 Austin Street (just off I-10)
Beaumont, Texas 77706
1-888-839-8633 (June and July only)

How to Apply

- Visit www.AFAtexas.net and click on "Apply Now" to fill out the General Conservatory Application and, if desired, the Scholarship Application.
- Apply early, as several departments fill quickly.
- Paper applications are available by calling 713-522-9699