

*Concert Dates*

Student performances are an important part of the AFA experience. AFA students are required to participate in performances of their respective large and small ensembles. AFA requests that applicants check for any conflicts with the performance dates below before applying to the Conservatory.

**Chamber Music**

Thursday, June 14th, 7:00 pm  
Benitez Chapel, Episcopal High School

**Orchestra**

Friday, June 15th, 7:00 pm  
Underwood Theatre, Episcopal High School

*For More Information...*

Please visit [www.AFAtexas.net](http://www.AFAtexas.net) to learn more about:

- Details of the Middle School String Orchestra department
- AFA's other programs and departments (orchestra/chamber music, choir, jazz, piano, composition)
- Faculty biographies



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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

### *Middle School String Orchestra*

**Program Dates:** June 4-15, 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

#### *2007 Orchestra Repertory*

Respighi, *Movements from Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite 2*  
 Mozart, *Symphony in D*  
 Vivaldi, *Concerto for Two Violoncelli in d minor*

*All repertory subject to change. For repertory updates please visit our website.*

#### *Faculty*

Eric Gronfor bass	Mamie Morlacci-Cook violin
Sophia Hseih violin	John Randolph viola
Edward Lawrence conductor	Lisa Vosdaganes cello
Penelope Meitz conductor	Cornelia Watkins cello

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#### *Daily Activities*

- String Orchestra & Sectionals
- Chamber Music (daily coaching from AFA Faculty)
- Musicianship Class (beginning music theory, technique classes, and performance practice)

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#### *How to Apply*

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

#### *Auditions*

##### *Regional Auditions*

Wednesday-Thursday  
 March 28th-29th  
 Austin HS (Fort Bend ISD)  
 Wednesday-Thursday  
 April 17th-18th  
 South Houston HS  
 Saturday  
 April 21st  
 The Centrum

##### *Episcopal High School Auditions*

Saturday, March 10  
 Saturday, March 31  
 Saturday, April 14  
 Saturday, May 5  
 Saturday, May 12

##### *Audition Requirements*

- One movement from a solo, sonata, or concerto of your choice
- An etude or solo in a contrasting style
- A two or three octave major scale and a two or three octave chromatic scale of your choice
- Region audition music is acceptable
- All auditions are heard without accompaniment

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