



All Strings Attached Summer Strings Program 2024 STUDENT POLICIES AND RULES (updated 3/13/24)



Dear parents and students,

First of all, CONGRATULATIONS!! We, at Anna Sammel Violin (ASV), are so excited to have your student participating in the All Strings Attached Summer Strings Program for its 3rd year! Here are our policies and rules to keep the program running efficiently and to ensure your student has the BEST experience possible!

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS:

In order to make your student's experience the best that it can be, students are expected to follow these rules:

- Arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of rehearsal. You'll need time to unpack, tune, and warm up.
- Come prepared!
 - Bring your own instrument. ASV is not responsible for furnishing students with instruments or accessories. If your child is in need of an instrument, you can rent one from a local shop or you can talk to your child's orchestra director if they use a school instrument.
 - Come with your music prepared to the best of your ability. Students will have access to music well in advance, so they should plan on preparing it BEFORE the first rehearsal. If you are unable to print the music, let the director know and they will make sure you receive one ahead of time. The conductor will put the pieces together as an orchestra, but the experience will be much more enjoyable if everyone comes as prepared as possible.
- DO NOT LEAVE THE PREMESIS. All students MUST remain in the theater for the duration of their time in the program.
- Don't touch anyone else's property.
- Clean up after yourself. We are required to leave the room clean and neat when we are finished with it, but neither the library staff nor the ASV personnel are maids. If we have to pick up your trash, you will help us put away chairs and music stands after the next rehearsal.
- Treat every staff member, orchestra member, and any other living being with kindness and respect. Disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. **If a student is disrespectful or disruptive, they will be given one warning to fix their behavior. If they are disrespectful or disruptive again, they may be dismissed for the day and/or removed from the program with no refund.**
Our job is to nurture and educate, not to parent and discipline.

PAYMENT: *PLEASE READ CAREFULLY*

The fee for All Strings Attached Summer Strings Program is \$150. Anna Sammel Violin accepts cash, check, and Venmo. All payments are due IN FULL immediately after registration. No split payments.

If paying by cash or check:

No post dated checks. We recommend wrapping payment in card or scrap paper to prevent theft before mailing. The mail slot also faces William Street, so you're welcome to slip payment in the mail slot by hand if you wish to avoid postage. Please make payment out to Anna Sammel and mail to:

Anna Sammel Violin
305 William Street Apt. A
Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

If using Venmo, please follow these guidelines:

1. Search for @annasammelviolet
2. Type in your total payment (if you registered multiple children for the program, you may submit all their fees as 1 full payment).
3. **Please note that the \$3 transaction fee MUST be added to your payment using this method. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Full payment is due NO LATER THAN 1 week prior to the first day of the program. If payment is not received 1 week prior to the start date of the program, your student will be taken off the roster.

ORCHESTRA SKILL REQUIREMENTS:

The ASA Youth Orchestra is designed for students 14-18 years old, but if a younger student can meet the skill requirements for this orchestra, they may be able to participate with director's permission. Students over the age of 18 may only participate if they graduated high school within 6 months prior to the start of the program.

Skill Recommendation and Requirements

- Minimum 2 years of experience. Recommended 3+ years of experience.
- MUST be able to play the following scales: C major, G Major, D major, A major, F major, d melodic minor and g melodic minor. 2 octave scales are encouraged.
- Should be comfortable shifting to 3rd position.

Students will be able to see the pieces each orchestra is playing in order to help them determine if this program is right for them. If a student is found unable to meet the skill requirements set forth, they may be offered a credit towards the program next year. **Refunds will not be issued due to overlooking or misunderstanding the skill requirements.**

PRINCIPAL AUDITIONS AND SEATING PLACEMENT:

PRINCIPALS: While auditions are not required for general participation, any students interested in a principal position for any section **MUST** participate in a live audition at the first rehearsal. **ASA reserves the right to hold “prescreening auditions” in the event that there is an over-abundance of interest in principal auditions.** These auditions will be blind but will include:

- Playing 1-2 scales of the director’s choice from the listed requirements. Scales will rotate.
- Playing an excerpt(s) of the director’s choice from one of the pieces they will be performing. The excerpt(s) will be given to students in the audition room.
- Possible sight reading.

Skill Requirements for a PRINCIPAL position:

- Minimum 3 years of experience
- **MUST** be able to play the following 2 octave scales: C major, G major, D major, A major, F major, d melodic minor, and g melodic minor.
- Comfort shifting to 3rd position is required. Shifting to 4th and 5th positions are heavily encouraged.

We want to encourage students to focus on teamwork instead of where they are seated. Excluding the principal positions, all other seating will be at decided at random prior to the first rehearsal. Violinists may indicate their preferred section in the registration form. We will do our best to accommodate preferences; however, sections must be balanced, so we will adjust seating as needed.

SCHEDULE (subject to change if needed):

- 10AM-1PM Monday June 24th- Rehearsal Day
- 10AM-1PM Tuesday June 25th - Rehearsal Day
- 10 AM-1PM Wednesday June 26th - Rehearsal Day
- 10AM-1PM Thursday June 27th- Rehearsal Day
- 10AM-1PM Friday June 28th- Rehearsal Day
- 2PM-7PMish Saturday, June 29th- CONCERT DAY! (Full concert day itinerary TBD)

Full itineraries for rehearsal days and concert day will be distributed closer to the start of the program, but these itineraries will include break times and a snack. Concert day will include dinner provided by ASV as well as a small reception afterwards. If there are any allergies we should be aware of, please make us aware of it at least 3 days prior to the first day of rehearsal.

LOCATION AND DROP OFF/PICK UP

The program will take place in the theater at the Rappahannock Regional Library in downtown Fredericksburg. There is a small parking lot behind the library as well as street parking (Anna Sammel Violin is NOT responsible for any accrued parking violations or towed vehicles during the timeframe of the program). Rehearsals are closed, meaning parents are not allowed to sit in the space while we are rehearsing; however, you’re welcome to spend time elsewhere in the library. From check in to check out,

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE PREMESIS. Children are precious, and ASV takes their safety very seriously.

Drop off: Students should be dropped off no later than 15 minutes to the start of rehearsals. On the first day of rehearsals, we ask parents/legal guardians to check in their students so we can put a face to the parent/guardian of each student. The remaining days, students can check themselves in at the beginning of each rehearsal with a staff member so we can keep track of attendance.

Pick up: Rehearsals will end promptly at their designated end times. For safety, students must be signed out after each rehearsal by a parent/legal guardian. A sibling or close family friend may be permitted to check them out at the end of the day, but this should be discussed with the director ahead of time. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR STUDENTS ON TIME.

INCLUDED:

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

In addition to a fulfilling week of musical training and building comradery with other young musicians, ASV will provide 1 snack per student per day as well as water to students during break time. Students are permitted to bring their own snacks from home, but as mentioned above, it is our responsibility to leave the space clean and neat, so please avoid any snacks that tend to be messy. If there are any allergies we should be aware of, please make us aware of it at least 3 days prior to the first day of rehearsal. Parents may provide snacks for the group if they wish, but items must be individually packaged. No homemade items please.

T-SHIRTS

This year, we will be ordering t-shirts, which are included in the price of tuition for the program. The company we will be ordering t-shirts from takes about 2 weeks to get them made, so **you must register NO LATER THAN JUNE 10th in order to receive a t-shirt!**

COVID PROTOCOL

Since the program is being held at the Library in downtown Fredericksburg, we will be following the library's protocol regarding COVID. These protocols are ever-changing, so please be patient and kind both to me and my staff as well as the library staff. If a student cannot comply with the regulations set forth, they will be removed from the program with no refund. If your student contracts COVID while participating in the program, NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR IMMEDIATLEY. Appropriate actions will be taken.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

In the event the program needs to be cancelled, it will be rescheduled at a later date. If the program is unable to be rescheduled, either a credit towards the next program or a refund will be issued to the affected parties. This is at the discretion of the director.

If for any reason a student is no longer able to participate in the program, a written notice must be given no less than 7 days prior to the start of the event in order to be eligible for a refund or credit. Drop outs that occur within the 6 days leading up to the first day of the program, or after the program has begun, are not eligible for a refund or credit. No exceptions. Please note that **ALL REFUNDS OR CREDITS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR.**

MISCELLANEOUS

- Liability: Neither the library nor Anna Sammel Violin are liable for private property brought into the building. Neither the library nor Anna Sammel Violin are liable for any bodily injury that may occur during the length of the program.
- Concert dress code: students may wear their school orchestra uniforms for the concert. If a participating student does not have an orchestra uniform, all they should wear all black (including shoes).
- Non-discriminatory clause: No student shall be denied entry to the program based on race, ethnicity, sex, language, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, political opinion, national or social origin, disability, or socioeconomic status.
- Removal from the program: If a student is removed from the program for failing to follow the rules and policies listed above, no refund will be given. If a student is removed due to failing to fulfill the skill requirements listed above, they may be offered a credit, but both credits and refunds are entirely at the discretion of the director.
- Media: Throughout the program, photos and/or videos will be taken in rehearsals and the concert and possibly shared on Anna Sammel Violin's website and/or social media for advertising and to show off the program! If you would like your child's face covered up in photos, please let us know.
- Legal action: In the event a student is removed from the program with no refund due to 1) the student didn't follow the policies listed in this document 2) was not able to fulfill the requirements needed to be a part of the group in which they were registered, or 3) became a danger to themselves or others, legal action cannot be taken against Anna Sammel, Anna Sammel Violin, or staff members under Anna Sammel or Anna Sammel Violin's authority.

By registering your student for this program, you understand and are agreeing to ALL the above terms as well as any updated versions of the rules and policies that may be presented.