Hamilton Music Festival

Music Festival 2025 Strings and Ensembles Syllabus

Strings and Ensembles

Memory is not required for Sonatas, Sonatinas, Études/Studies or ensembles. Please list complete title, including opus, number and movement. Competitors must provide their own music stands. Unless otherwise noted, selections must be accompanied by a live pianist. Selections may be used in one class only.

Own Choice - Any Repertoire

One selection, own choice. Repertoire can be, but doesn't have to be, from the RCM or CC syllabus. Violin, Viola, Cello or Double Bass. Instrument must be identified on registration form.

40101 - 6 years and under	\$27.00
40102 - 7 to 9 years	\$27.00
40103 - 10 to 12 years	\$30.00
40104 - 13 to 15 years	\$32.00
40105 - 16 years and up	\$32.00

Double Bass

One selection from the RCM Syllabus.

40201 - Introductory	\$27.00
40202 - Grades 1 and 2	\$27.00
40203 - Grades 3 and 4	\$27.00
40204 - Grade 5	\$30.00

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List A

One selection from the current RCM or CC Syllabus, List A. Instrument must be identified on registration form.

40301 - Preparatory Level - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40302 - Preparatory Level - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00
40303 - Grade/Level 1 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40304 - Grade/Level 1 - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00
40305 - Grade/Level 2 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40306 - Grade/Level 2 - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00
40307 - Grade/Level 3 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40308 - Grade/Level 3 - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00
40309 - Grade/Level 4 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40310 - Grade/Level 4 - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00
40311 - Grade/Level 5 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$30.00
40312 - Grade/Level 5 - Lower Strings Cello	\$30.00



List A (continued)

40313 - Grade/Level 6 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$30.00
40314 - Grade/Level 6 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$30.00
40315 - Grade/Level 7 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$30.00
40316 - Grade/Level 7 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$30.00
40317 - Grade/Level 8 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$30.00
40318 - Grade/Level 8 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$30.00
40319 - Grade/Level 9 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$32.00
40320 - Grade/Level 9 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$32.00
40321 - Grade/Level 10 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$32.00
40322 - Grade/Level 10 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$32.00
40323 - Associate/Diploma - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$36.00
40324 - Associate/Diploma - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$36.00
40325 - Post-Associate/Open - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$36.00



List A (continued)

40326 - Post-Associate/Open - Lower Strings	\$36.00
Cello or Double Bass	φ30.00

List B

One selection from the current RCM or CC Syllabus, List B. Sonatas and Sonatinas do not have to be memorized. Selections are to be performed as outlined in the RCM or CC syllabus. Instrument must be identified on registration form.

40401 - Preparatory Level - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40402 - Preparatory Level - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00
40403 - Grade/Level 1 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40404 - Grade/Level 1 - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00
40405 - Grade/Level 2 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40406 - Grade/Level 2 - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00
40407 - Grade/Level 3 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40408 - Grade/Level 3 - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00
40409 - Grade/Level 4 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40410 - Grade/Level 4 - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00



List B (continued)

40411 - Grade/Level 5 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$30.00
40412 - Grade/Level 5 - Lower Strings Cello	\$30.00
40413 - Grade/Level 6 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$30.00
40414 - Grade/Level 6 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$30.00
40415 - Grade/Level 7 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$30.00
40416 - Grade/Level 7 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$30.00
40417 - Grade/Level 8 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$30.00
40418 - Grade/Level 8 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$30.00
40419 - Grade/Level 9 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$32.00
40420 - Grade/Level 9 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$32.00
40421 - Grade/Level 10 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$32.00
40422 - Grade/Level 10 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$32.00
40423 - Associate/Diploma - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$36.00



List B (continued)

40424 - Associate/Diploma - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$36.00
40425 - Post-Associate/Open - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$36.00
40426 - Post-Associate/Open - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$36.00

List C

One selection from the current RCM or CC syllabus, List C. Instrument must be identified on registration form.

40501 - Preparatory Level - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40502 - Preparatory Level - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00
40503 - Grade/Level 1 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40504 - Grade/Level 1 - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00
40505 - Grade/Level 2 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40506 - Grade/Level 2 - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00
40507 - Grade/Level 3 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40508 - Grade/Level 3 - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00



List C (continued)

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40509 - Grade/Level 4 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40510 - Grade/Level 4 - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00
40511 - Grade/Level 5 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$30.00
40512 - Grade/Level 5 - Lower Strings Cello	\$30.00
40513 - Grade/Level 6 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$30.00
40514 - Grade/Level 6 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$30.00
40515 - Grade/Level 7 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$30.00
40516 - Grade/Level 7 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$30.00
40517 - Grade/Level 8 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$30.00
40518 - Grade/Level 8 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$30.00
40519 - Grade/Level 9 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$32.00
40520 - Grade/Level 9 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$32.00
40521 - Grade/Level 10 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$32.00



List C (continued)

40522 - Grade/Level 10 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$32.00
40523 - Associate/Diploma - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$36.00
40524 - Associate/Diploma - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$36.00
40525 - Post-Associate/Open - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$36.00
40526 - Post-Associate/Open - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$36.00

List D

One selection from the current RCM or CC syllabus, List D. Instrument must be identified on the registration form.

40601 - Grade/Level 8 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$30.00
40602 - Grade/Level 8 - Lower Strings Cello	\$30.00
40603 - Grade/Level 9 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$32.00
40604 - Grade/Level 9 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$32.00
40605 - Grade/Level 10 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$32.00
40606 - Grade/Level 10 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$32.00



List D (continued)

40607 - Associate/Diploma - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$36.00
40608 - Associate/Diploma - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$36.00
40609 - Post-Associate/Open - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$36.00
40610 - Post-Associate/Open - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$36.00

Studies/Études

One selection from current RCM or CC Syllabus. Although performing from memory is encouraged, it is not mandatory for Studies/Études. Instrument must be identified on registration form.

40701 - Preparatory Level - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40702 - Preparatory Level - Lower Strings Cello	\$27.00
40703 - Grade/Level 1 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40704 - Grade/Level 1 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$27.00
40705 - Grade/Level 2 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00
40706 - Grade/Level 2 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$27.00
40707 - Grade/Level 3 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$27.00



Studies/Études (continued)

40708 - Grade/Level 3 - Lower Strings \$27.00 Cello or Double Bass \$27.00 40709 - Grade/Level 4 - Upper Strings \$27.00 40710 - Grade/Level 4 - Lower Strings \$27.00 Cello or Double Bass \$27.00 40711 - Grade/Level 5 - Upper Strings \$30.00 40712 - Grade/Level 5 - Lower Strings \$30.00 Cello or Double Bass \$30.00 40713 - Grade/Level 6 - Upper Strings \$30.00 40714 - Grade/Level 6 - Lower Strings \$30.00 Cello or Double Bass \$30.00 40715 - Grade/Level 7 - Upper Strings \$30.00 40716 - Grade/Level 7 - Lower Strings \$30.00 40717 - Grade/Level 8 - Upper Strings \$30.00 40718 - Grade/Level 8 - Lower Strings \$30.00 40719 - Grade/Level 8 - Lower Strings \$30.00 40719 - Grade/Level 9 - Upper Strings \$32.00 40720 - Grade/Level 9 - Lower Strings \$32.00 Cello or Double Bass \$32.00		
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Studies/Études (continued)

40721 - Grade/Level 10 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$32.00
40722 - Grade/Level 10 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$32.00
40723 - Associate/Diploma - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$36.00
40724 - Associate/Diploma - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$36.00
40725 - Post-Associate/Open - Upper Strings Violin or Viola	\$36.00
40726 - Post-Associate/Open - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass	\$36.00

Concert Class: Any Repertoire

Violin, Viola, Cello or Double Bass. Two solo works of equal difficulty showing stylistic balance. No pop, concertos or sonatas. Selections can be, but don't have to be from the RCM or CC Syllabus. Appropriateness of selections will be considered in the marks. Instrument must be identified on registration form.

40801 - Preparatory Level - Upper Level Violin or Viola. Maximum 6 Minutes	\$37.00
40802 - Preparatory Level - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass. Maximum 6 Minutes	\$37.00
40803 - Grade/Level 1 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola. Maximum 15 Minutes	\$37.00
40804 - Grade/Level 1 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass. Maximum 15 Minutes	\$37.00



Concert Class: Any Repertoire (continued)

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Concert Class: Any Repertoire (continued)

40818 - Grade/Level 8 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass. Maximum 25 minutes	\$40.00
40819 - Grade/Level 9 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola. Maximum 25 minutes	\$42.00
40820 - Grade/Level 9 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass. Maximum 25 minutes	\$42.00
40821 - Grade/Level 10 - Upper Strings Violin or Viola. Maximum 35 minutes	\$42.00
40822 - Grade/Level 10 - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass. Maximum 35 minutes	\$42.00
40823 - Associate/Diploma - Upper Strings Violin or Viola. Maximum 40 minutes	\$46.00
40824 - Associate/Diploma - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass. Maximum 40 minutes	\$46.00
40825 - Post-Associate/Open - Upper Strings Violin or Viola. Maximum 40 minutes	\$46.00
40826 - Post-Associate/Open - Lower Strings Cello or Double Bass. Maximum 40 minutes	\$46.00

String Quartets

Two violins, one viola and one cello. One selection, own choice. No pop. All members of the quartet must be playing at a level within the specified range. Only one participant registers and pays the fee. List all members.

41001 - Up to grade 4 Maximum 5 Minutes	\$38.00
41002 - Up to grade 7 Maximum 5 Minutes	\$38.00



String Quartets (continued)

41003 - Up to grade 10 Maximum 10 Minutes	\$38.00
41004 - Open Maximum 15 Minutes	\$42.00

Chamber Ensembles

Music written for three, four or five instruments played with one instrument to a 'part,' all the parts having equal importance. May include any combination of recognized orchestral instruments including strings, woodwinds, brass, harp, guitar, recorder, piano and/or one singer. If piano is included, the piano part must be original and not an orchestral reduction. One selection. To determine which level to enter, competitors should go by the highest level/grade of the competitors. Please register with a group name.

41101 - Elementary (Levels/Grades 1 to 5) Maximum 20 minutes	\$38.00
41102 - Junior (Grades/Levels 6 to 9) Maximum 20 minutes	\$38.00
41103 - Senior (Grades/Levels 10 and above) Maximum 25 minutes	\$42.00

Small Ensembles: Up to Six Performers

Any combination of instruments, may include voice, with 2 to 6 performers, excluding string quartets (see quartet class, above). One selection, own choice. No pop. Please register the ensemble with a group name.

41201 - Majority of members are under 10 Maximum 10 Minutes	\$40.00
41202 - Majority of members are under 12 Maximum 10 Minutes	\$40.00



Small Ensembles: Up to Six Performers (continued)

41203 - Majority of members are under 14 Maximum 10 Minutes	\$40.00
41204 - Majority of members are under 16 Maximum 10 Minutes	\$44.00
41205 - Majority of members are under 19 Maximum 10 Minutes	\$44.00
41206 - Majority of members are over 19 Maximum 10 Minutes	\$46.00

Small Ensembles: Seven to Fifteen Performers

Any combination of instruments, may include voice, with 7 to 15 performers. One selection, own choice. No pop. Please register the ensemble with a group name.

41301 - Majority of members are under 10 Maximum 10 Minutes	\$42.00
41302 - Majority of members are under 12 Maximum 10 minutes	\$42.00
41303 - Majority of members are under 14 Maximum 10 Minutes	\$42.00
41304 - Majority of members are under 16 Maximum 10 minutes	\$46.00
41305 - Majority of members are under 19 Maximum 10 minutes	\$46.00
41306 - Majority of members are over 19 Maximum 10 minutes	\$48.00



Small Ensembles: Concert Class

Groups with 4 to 15 members. Any combination of instruments and may include voice. Two contrasting selections. Please register the ensemble with a group name.

41401 - Majority of members under 10 years Maximum 20 minutes	\$48.00
41402 - Majority of members under 12 years Maximum 20 minutes	\$48.00
41403 - Majority of members under 14 years Maximum 20 minutes	\$48.00
41404 - Majority of members under 16 years Maximum 20 minutes	\$48.00
41405 - Majority of members under 19 years Maximum 20 minutes	\$48.00
41406 - Majority of members over 19 years Maximum 20 minutes	\$48.00

Duets

One selection, own choice. Two of the same instrument. Instruments must be identified on registration form. Please enter at your current grade/level. Your selection should be at an appropriate level. Only one participant registers and pays the fee. List partner's name. Memorization is not required. Bernice Bennett Memorial Music Scholarship for Duet: for duet participants, ages 12 - 18, in any discipline.

40901 - Beginner: Pre-Grade/Level 1	\$32.00
40902 - Grades/Levels 1 to 3	\$32.00
40903 - Grades/Levels 4 to 6	\$34.00
40904 - Grades/Levels 7 and 8	\$34.00
40905 - Grades/Levels 9 and 10	\$36.00



Duets (continued)

40906 - Associate and Post-Associate	\$42.00
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10 to 30 Piece String Orchestras

Any combination of stringed instruments. Own choice of two contrasting pieces. Please register the orchestra with a group name.

41501 - 16 years and under Maximum 20 minutes	\$48.00
41502 - 18 years and under Maximum 25 minutes	\$48.00
41503 - 19 years and over Maximum 25 minutes	\$48.00

30 to 50 Piece String Orchestras

Any combination of stringed instruments. Own choice of two contrasting pieces. Please register the orchestra with a group name.

41601 - 16 years and under Maximum 20 minutes	\$48.00
41602 - 18 years and under Maximum 25 minutes	\$48.00
41603 - 19 years and over Maximum 25 minutes	\$48.00