

THE BASICS: WHAT IS CITYSTRINGS?

WHAT

CityStrings is a FREE 4-day guitar camp. Each day, students participate in a series of fun, interactive workshops and activities with their peers from other Midori & Friends partner schools. In addition to cultivating an increased proficiency on guitar, students will enjoy a visual art activity, interactive performance and recreation.

WHO

M&F Guitar Students in Grades 3-8 are eligible and are taught by professional musicians.

WHEN

Mid-Winter Recess
February 18-21, 2020
8:45 AM to 2:45 PM

WHERE

PS/IS 180M
370 W. 120th St.
New York, NY 10027

About Midori & Friends

Founded in 1992 by the concert violinist Midori, Midori & Friends provides students in New York City public schools with comprehensive music education programs. We offer programs at no cost to students and make them available to all students regardless of skill, ability, or background. Through music appreciation activities, instrumental and vocal instruction, and live performances, students develop their innate musical intelligence, discover multi-cultural traditions, express themselves creatively, and develop a more complete sense of their unique identity.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS



Musical Skills Workshops

Musical skills workshops provide an in-depth look at guitar technique and music theory. The workshops are intended to further develop and encourage the mastery of the musical skills students are learning in their weekly Midori & Friends classes. Students will explore these concepts at an experience-appropriate level.



Guitar Workshops

Guitar workshops are intensive class periods for students to focus on learning repertoire that is customized for their current skill level. Each day will focus on a different genre of music and its characteristics. The guitar workshops also serve as sectional rehearsals to prepare for the afternoon guitar ensembles.



Guitar Ensemble

The daily guitar ensemble class affords students the opportunity to play in a group of mixed skill level. The students will share what they learned each morning and work to assemble multiple parts of a different musical piece each day.



Daily Activity Workshops

Daily activity workshops and live performances are held to provide students with an introduction into other artistic disciplines and other cultures in a fun and supportive setting.

TEACHING ARTISTS



MATT PANAYIDES is a modern guitarist and composer. He loves performing and collaborating with a diverse array of musicians, while being part of the vibrant, creative music scene of New York. He also

works as a music educator in a wide variety of settings, from master classes, to guitar ensembles, to running his own private music studio. His compelling melodies, compositions and improvisations remain in the listener's mind long after the gig, employing modern harmonies, free and structured improvisations, mixed-meter rhythms and straight-ahead swing. In 2015 Matt released his second album as a leader entitled "CONDUITS" featuring his original compositions. He holds a BM from Manhattan School of Music and an MM from William Paterson University.



AYODELE MAAKHERU is a composer, performer, and teacher who plays guitar, banjo, bass, mandolin, ukulele, harmonica and djembe. He studied at the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music,

City College of New York and Brooklyn College. Ayodele has performed, toured, and recorded with a variety of artists such as Eartha Kitt, Phylicia Rashad, Gregory Hines, Miriam Makeba, and the New York Philharmonic. In addition, he has nearly three decades of performance experience in the orchestras of Broadway shows, including *A Chorus Line*, *The Full Monty*, *Bring in da Noise/Bring in da Funk*, *The Color Purple*, *Shuffle Along*, and *Bella*. He is a featured soloist with the Clef Club Orchestra at Carnegie Hall and appeared on *The Tonight Show* (Jay Leno) with the NOISE/FUNK band.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a cost to attend CityStrings? No. Tuition, breakfast and lunch are free of cost for all accepted students.

Who can attend CityStrings?

Midori & Friends guitar students Grades 3-8.

How do I register my child to attend?

Complete the Parent Registration Form and have your child complete the Student Registration Form by writing a short paragraph about why he/she would like to attend the program. Please be sure to submit all materials by January 31, 2020!

How many students are accepted from each school?

A limited number (30 total) of students will be accepted from our various guitar programs.



How will I know if my child has been accepted?

Accepted students and their parents will receive a welcome phone call and packet from Midori & Friends on February 3, 2020.

Is transportation provided?

Parents/Guardians will be responsible for transporting students to and from PS/IS 180M.

What supplies are required?

Your child is responsible for bringing his/her M&F guitar, music, and a pencil to PS/IS 180M daily.

Can my child attend part of the program?

Due to the CityStrings waitlist, we ask that you only commit your child if he/she is able to attend for the entire duration of the program.

Is there a final concert?

Yes, CityStrings students will perform on Friday, February 21st at PS/IS 180M at 1:30 PM. Family and friends are invited to attend at no cost.

What if my child is sick or there is an emergency during CityStrings?

Upon acceptance, you will receive staff phone numbers in the event of an emergency. M&F will contact you via the information submitted on your registration form should an emergency arise at CityStrings.



For more information or questions contact:

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