

Kansas City String Quartet Program Celebrates Milestone

The 2008 Kansas City String Quartet Program summer program will mark 15 years this July and again offer two, one-week camps to approximately 60 students. "We cultivate all of our students toward distinction through string quartet playing and performance," says Elizabeth Suh Lane, the program's artistic director. "We teach them to listen, to watch and to play in a way that most of them have probably never done before."

This regional program is held at the campus of Pembroke Hill School July 28 through Aug. 9. The camps are designed for young musicians who are committed to artistic excellence through cooperative study and performance of chamber music. It brings together artists from all over the country to interact with highly talented string musicians who have the opportunity to play and learn from others their own age.

Several events mark the 15th Anniversary celebration, including a faculty concert on Aug. 8 at the Kauffman Foundation featuring American composer Tina Davidson. The concert is free and open to the public.

In addition, the faculty will choose at least one outstanding student ensemble to be featured during the faculty concert held Aug. 1 at the Kauffman Foundation.

Another 15th anniversary special event is the opportunity for students and faculty to work with Davidson. She will introduce students to composing and the life of a contemporary American composer, and will perform her composition "Paper, Glass, String, Wood" in concert 2:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at Pembroke Hill School.

Each summer, Suh Lane says she sees the students grow both musically and personally in the short time they are together. "The students are less sure when they come into the program," she says. "And from day one, through the week's succession, then to the concert, it's like there is a huge mountain they have been able to climb."



2008 SUMMER PROGRAM

SCHEDULE:

Week 1 Camp:

July 28 - Aug. 1

Faculty Concert:

6 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Kauffman Foundation

Student Concert:

2:30 p.m. Aug. 2 at Pembroke Hill School

Week 2 Camp:

Aug. 4-Aug. 9

Faculty Concert:

6 p.m. Aug. 8 at the Kauffman Foundation

Student Concert:

2:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at Pembroke Hill School

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