



FISCHOFF

NATIONAL CHAMBER
MUSIC COMPETITION

2020-2021

Fischoff Chamber Music Academy Guidelines & Instruction

The Fischoff National Chamber Music Association is committed to inspiring new generations of chamber musicians through international competition and our local community. Established in 1999, the Fischoff Chamber Music Academy, formerly known as the Fischoff Mentoring Program, is helping create a chamber music community among area high school musicians who are dedicated to digging deeper into the challenging repertoire of chamber music. Committed to making chamber music accessible to all aspiring musicians, Fischoff provides a **merit-based scholarship music academy** for up to eight selected ensembles consisting of pre-college students who reside within 60 miles of South Bend, Indiana.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Eligibility: string, piano, woodwind, brass or mixed ensembles of three to six high school students. If home schooled, musicians must be between the ages of twelve and eighteen.
- Coaching: Fischoff will provide a professional chamber music coach for a maximum of 12 one-hour coaching sessions (or the equivalent) to take place between September 2020 and June 2021. The ensemble and coach will be responsible for scheduling times and locations.
- Coaches are compensated by the Fischoff National Chamber Music Association.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend **all** Academy coaching sessions.
- Attend an initial **kick-off meeting** in September with all participants.
- Practice repertoire individually.
- Schedule group rehearsal sessions outside of the Academy sessions.
- Schedule consistent rehearsal times with your coach (biweekly coaching sessions are recommended).
- Attend Fischoff competition weekend May 7-9, 2021.
 - a) Sign-up as a competition volunteer (1-3 hours).
 - b) Attend the Grand Prize Concert on Sunday, May 9, 2021. Each member will receive a voucher for two complimentary tickets to the concert.
 - c) Attend as a competitor if ensemble is accepted to competition.

ENSEMBLE REQUIREMENTS:

- Participate in State Solo and Ensemble Contests, if eligible.
- Attend Fischoff Chamber Music Academy master classes or workshops as they are offered.
- Perform outreach concerts in the community (retirement communities, schools, community centers, bookstores, etc.). Send a listing of your ensemble's outreach performances to Geena Kam at geena@fischoff.org by Jan 1, 2021 for fall outreach performances and by June 1, 2021 for spring outreach performances.
- Enter the Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition, pending approval by your coach. Groups that apply for the competition are automatically reviewed for the Kenneth Geoffroy Memorial Award. A \$700 cash prize will be awarded to the highest-ranking junior ensemble within a 60-mile radius of South Bend.



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- Perform in the annual Fischhoff Chamber Music Academy Recital in the spring.
- Signed Commitment Form: Fischhoff will provide a letter of commitment to be signed by each student who is selected to the program and their parent/guardian(s) signifying agreement to uphold the rules and responsibilities of this program.
- Music Stipend: Fischhoff will provide up to \$100 per group to purchase music. Receipts are required for reimbursement. At the conclusion of the project, the music is to be returned to Fischhoff's chamber music library at the Fischhoff office 119B Haggar Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana, 46556.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTION

If you are applying as an individual - Students and parents are to fill out the **Individual Application Form** completely. If more space is needed, you may attach an additional sheet of paper. The completed form is to be returned to Geena Kam by mail: 119 Haggar Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556 or email at geena@fischhoff.org.

Application and all required materials must be received by Wednesday, June 24, 2020 @ 5 p.m.

Enclose the following with this application:

- **Non-refundable application fee of \$20***. Fee will be accepted via PayPal link on the Fischhoff website or send a check, payable to FISCHOFF, to Geena Kam, 119 Haggar Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556
- **Video recordings of two contrasting solo pieces**. The audition recording must be submitted by emailing a YouTube link(s) to geena@fischhoff.org.
- **A Letter of Recommendation** from your primary music teacher using the Music Teacher Recommendation form.
- **A Repertoire List from the last two years**. This is music you have studied intensively, such as ISSMA solos. If you have participated in an ensemble, please make separate lists for your ensemble and solo repertoire. Place an * next to works performed publicly. Include the title of the piece and composer.

*We encourage students to apply regardless of their financial situation. Please contact Geena Kam at geena@fischhoff.org to inquire about our application fee waiver.

ENSEMBLE APPLICATION INSTRUCTION

If you are applying as an ensemble - Students and parents are to fill out the **Ensemble Application Form** completely. If more space is needed, you may attach an additional sheet of paper. The completed form is to be returned to Geena Kam by mail: 119 Haggar Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556 or email at geena@fischhoff.org.

Application and all required materials must be received by Wednesday, May 20, 2020 @ 5 p.m.

Enclose the following with this application:

- **Non-refundable application fee of \$20***. Fee will be accepted via PayPal link on the Fischhoff website or send a check, payable to FISCHOFF, to Geena Kam, 119 Haggar Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556
- **Video recordings of two contrasting solo pieces from each member of the ensemble**. The audition recording must be submitted by emailing a YouTube link(s) to geena@fischhoff.org.
- **A Letter of Recommendation from each member of the ensemble** from your primary music teacher using the Music Teacher Recommendation form.
- **A Repertoire List from the last two years from each member of the ensemble**. This is music you have studied intensively, such as ISSMA solos. If you have participated in an ensemble, please make separate lists for your ensemble and solo repertoire. Place an * next to works performed publicly. Include the title of the piece and composer.
- **One video recording of the ensemble** must be submitted by emailing a YouTube link(s) to geena@fischhoff.org.

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Thank you for your interest in the Fischhoff Chamber Music Academy!