



Greetings from Wartburg College!

We hope your year is off to a great start. Wartburg College is excited to invite you and your students to participate in the **Meistersinger Honor Orchestra Festival on Saturday, January 27, 2024**. The Meistersinger Honor Orchestra Festival is designed to bring together the finest high school string players from across the region to collaborate with world-class artists. **We are thrilled to also open this year's festival to outstanding pianists, as our guests are performers on piano, cello, and violin.**

Wartburg College is pleased to welcome special guests **Neave Trio** this year for our 2024 Meistersinger Honor Orchestra Festival! Formed in 2010, Neave Trio-violinist Anna Williams, cellist Mikhail Veselov, and pianist Eri Nakamura-were recently nominated for a Grammy and have received prestigious accolades for their "engaging and cutting-edge performances." Educators are invited to come with their students for the day. **A complimentary educator session with Neave Trio will take place at the start of the festival. Please indicate your availability on the registration form.**

With Neave Trio, the festival will provide a unique opportunity for string students to learn in both a large and chamber ensemble setting. Those on a piano track, will be given special masterclasses and performance opportunities with Neave Trio artist Eri Nakamura. Individual students and/or pre-formed chamber groups are invited to apply! Piano performers can be nominated through their studio teacher. **This is a great opportunity for students to have feedback before performing their pieces for solo and ensemble contest and/or college auditions.**

As an educator, you can submit your students for the following categories:

STRING TRACK

1. **Submit ONLY individuals**
2. **Submit ONLY a chamber ensemble (up to 2 chamber ensembles)**
3. **Submit individuals and ONE chamber ensemble**

PIANO TRACK

1. **Submit ONLY individuals (Limit up to 2 per studio)**

For more information and nomination forms, visit www.wartburg.edu/festivals. **The deadline to complete the online nomination form(s) is Thursday, January 11.** We will take as many chamber ensembles as space allows. Registration for the festival which includes lunch, is \$45. Access to the large ensemble festival music will be given via Google Drive by **January 6. Pianists will be performing prepared pieces of their choosing.**

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The festival will begin at 9am on Saturday January 27 and will conclude with two concerts: **Piano participants will perform in the Wartburg Chapel at 3:30pm and string participants will perform at 5pm in the Neumann Auditorium. Concert tickets will be available for purchase on our website on January 19, 2024.**

We hope you will seriously consider this event for your advanced musicians. Thank you for your continuing support. We look forward to working with your students this year!

Warmest Regards,



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