



Auditions

Dort Honors String Quartet | FSPA Honors String Quartet | Hentgen Honors String Quartet

When: Saturday, June 6, 2026, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Eligibility: Any violin, viola or cello players who are members of the Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra, Flint Youth Philharmonia, or Flint Youth String Orchestra and who will not have graduated from high school by May 31, 2027 may audition.

Audition Requirements and Scheduling:

- Solo and Scale of student's choice*
- Sight reading
- Interview

* *The performance portion of the audition will not exceed 6 minutes. The adjudicator may cut you off at any time.*

If you have any questions regarding Auditions, please email David Kassel at djkassel@thefim.org

Scholarship: Ensemble coaching (Dort, FSPA, Hentgen) and partial music lesson instruction (Dort & FSPA).

Applications: Available at the FSPA office, or online at <https://thefspa.org/auditions/>
Must be submitted at the FSPA Office no later than **5:00 PM on Friday May 29, 2026.**

Each Honors Ensemble may require a minimum number of students.

Requirements by Ensemble: Please read through the details of each ensemble's requirements before submitting your application.

Hentgen Honors String Quartet

Skill Level: Intermediate

Eligibility for Audition: Any 4th-12th grade violin, viola, or cello players who are members of the Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra, Flint Youth Philharmonia, or Flint Youth String Orchestra and who will not have graduated from high school by May 31, 2027.

Rehearsals: Mondays/Time TBD with coach Ching-Wen Tseng

Scholarship: Tuition for quartet (30 coachings).

Additional commitments May Include:

- Workshop with professional quartet at FIM
 - Workshop with guest coach
 - One full recital performance at end of school year.
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FSPA Honors String Quartet

Skill Level: Advanced

Eligibility for Audition: Any 6th-12th grade violin, viola, or cello players who are members of the Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra Flint Youth Philharmonia and who will not have graduated from high school by May 31, 2027 may audition.

Rehearsals: Mondays/1-hour coaching TBD pm with coach Ching-Wen Tseng. Members also have one 90-minute weekly ensemble rehearsal on their own.

Scholarship: Provides tuition for quartet (32 coachings) & 45-minute music lessons with an FSPA instructor. Quartet members must take music lessons (on their quartet instrument) throughout the school year.

Additional Commitments May Include:

- MASTA Competition
- Attend a chamber music performance
- Perform one full recital at end of school year
- Masterclass with professional quartet at FIM
- Masterclass with guest coach

Dort Honors String Quartet

Skill Level: Advanced

Eligibility for Audition: Any 9th-12th grade violin, viola, or cello players who are members of the Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra and who will not have graduated from high school by May 31, 2027 may audition.

Rehearsals: Mondays/2-hour coaching TBD with coach Ching-Wen Tseng. Members also have one 90-minute weekly ensemble rehearsal on their own

Scholarship: Provides tuition for quartet (32 coachings) & 1-hour music lessons with an FSPA instructor. Quartet students must take music lessons (on their quartet instrument) throughout the school year.

Additional Commitments May Include:

- MASTA competition
- *Seeing Stars!* Benefit
- Attend a chamber music performance
- Pre-concert music for FSO, Nutcracker & Subscription Concerts, & various Music on the Move community events
- Perform prior to an FYSO concert
- Workshop with professional quartet at FIM
- Workshop with guest coach
- Perform one full recital at the end of school year
- International Concert Tour

By auditioning for the above Honors String Quartets, you agree to the terms of coaching lengths, and extra rehearsal times (where applicable) and to the additional performances and coachings held during the year.

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Return to the FSPA Office before 5:00 PM
Friday, May 29, 2026

Student Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____
Street (including house #) _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Instrument _____ Private Lesson Instructor _____

I'm a member of the FSPA _____ ensemble. Grade Next Fall _____

- I read the entire information sheet attached to this document before submitting my application.

Dort Honors String Quartet and FSPA Honors String Quartet applicants, please complete this section.

- I study with an FSPA instructor.
- I do not study with an FSPA instructor. I understand that if I am selected as a member of the Dort Honors String Quartet or the FSPA Honors String Quartet and choose to stay with my current private instructor rather than switching to an FSPA instructor, I will forfeit the lesson portion of the scholarship.

Student's signature

Parent/Guardian's signature

Date