



Golden Gate  
PHILHARMONIC

# Golden Gate Philharmonic Chamber Music Program

## General Information

The Chamber Music Program provides students with the opportunity to play in small ensembles, allowing them to hone their performance skills and musicianship. GGP chamber groups perform at public and private events throughout San Francisco. To be eligible for the chamber program, students must be actively participating in one of the GGP orchestras.

## Joining a Chamber Group

New chamber groups are formed by GGP Executive Director Joan Murray generally in October. In some cases, a student may be selected to join an existing group. Skill level, age, and commitment of student and parent factor into the process. A parent coordinator must be designated for the group before rehearsals can begin.

## Parent Coordinator

The parent coordinator is the point of contact for the group. Responsibilities include

- Maintaining a current list of names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses for the parents of group members; update as necessary
- Coordinating the rehearsal schedule with group parents and coach; facilitating make-up sessions and last minute rescheduling
- Collecting semi-annual payment from each family before the first rehearsal of the fall and spring sessions; ensure that payment is given to GGP registrar at 3058 Market St.
- Keeping track of group rehearsals to reconcile with coach and chamber program director.
- Ensuring that outgoing students return music to the coach
- Organizing social get-togethers for the group and parents.

## Chamber Rehearsals

The chamber program consists of 28 rehearsal sessions. Groups rehearse with a coach on a weekly basis throughout the GGP orchestra season--October through May.

## Chamber during the Summer

During the summer (June, July, August & September), chamber groups are encouraged to continue to meet and rehearse. Groups must commit to a minimum of 6 sessions during the summer, payable in full at the first session.

## Cancellations

If all group participants agree to cancel a rehearsal, a make-up session can be rescheduled either during the regular season or in the summer. At least 24 hours' notice must be given to the coach.

No refunds or make-up sessions will be offered for last minute cancellations due to illness or schedule conflicts.

## Fees and Payment

**Cost:**  
**\$420 for 28 one-hour sessions**

**Payment Schedule:**  
**Fees are due in two installments: \$210 is due at the first rehearsal of the group's fall session; \$210 is due at the first rehearsal in February.**

**Please make checks payable to GGP and write "Chamber/ participants name."**

## Contacts

Interested in being in a chamber group?  
Contact Executive Director Joan Murray:  
863-2676 or joan.murray@ggph.org

Questions about the chamber program?  
Contact Program Director Jason Totzke: