

# Instrumental Application

JUNE 29-JULY 19, 2026

Young  
Artist  
Program

CACTUS PEAR MUSIC FESTIVAL

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**Application Deadline: Monday, March 23, 2026 | Auditions: Saturday, March 28 by Appointment**

The Board of Directors of Cactus Pear Music Festival (CPMF) is pleased to announce the 22nd Annual Young Artist Program (YAP) to be held June 29 through July 19, 2026. **Between 4 and 9 young instrumentalists will be chosen and awarded full-tuition scholarships** for an intensive 3 week program. The Young Artists will form ensembles to study and perform chamber music. The curriculum will include: private instruction and chamber music coachings with Education Director Craig Sorgi, Education Assistant Karen Stiles, and Festival Artists; lecture classes on aspects of music performance/careers; free admittance to the four festival live concerts; and their **own concert Friday, July 17 at 7 pm on the campus of UIW.**

### ELIGIBILITY FOR 2026 *(instrumentation varies each year)*

Serious **Clarinet, Violin, Viola and Cello** students ages 14 through 18, **Piano** students between the ages of 14 and 20 who live in and around San Antonio, Texas, may apply. (Room and board not included.) Individuals as well as pre-formed chamber groups will be considered for acceptance.

### INTENSIVE COURSE OF STUDY OVER 3 WEEKS

- Five or six private lessons with the Festival Artists. • Six to ten chamber music coachings with the Festival Artists.
- Daily chamber ensemble rehearsals supervised by Mr. Sorgi and Ms. Stiles.
- Young Artists will have approximately 8 community outreach performance opportunities as well as YAP video recorded performances shared with retirement communities, churches, synagogues, etc. as extensions of our community engagements.
- The Young Artists will have their own final concert Friday evening July 17 on the campus of UIW.

### APPLICATION & AUDITION CHECKLIST: NO APPLICATION FEE REQUIRED THIS YEAR!

- All application materials are due by **Monday, March 23, 2026.**
- In-person auditions will take place on Saturday, March 28, at Trinity Baptist Church between 9 am - 3 pm, by appointment only. **Instrumental applicants** should prepare two contrasting solo works (accompanist not necessary) and may be asked to sight read chamber music. **Pianists** must additionally prepare the two short chamber music pieces available online.
- All applicants will be notified of audition results by Saturday, March 28, 2026. **For additional information and applications log on to [cpmf.us/youngartistprogram](https://cpmf.us/youngartistprogram) or contact Mr. Craig Sorgi, YAP Education Director: [cpmfeddirector@gmail.com](mailto:cpmfeddirector@gmail.com)**

- ☐ signed and completed application form [No JPGs, please!]
- ☐ two letters of recommendation from music instructors

#### PLEASE SUBMIT MATERIALS TO:

Mr. Craig Sorgi, Education Director  
CPMF Young Artist Program  
3210 Tavern Oaks, San Antonio, TX 78247

*please do not send by registered or certified mail*

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Please fill out ALL application categories

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of June 29, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR Cell \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT's Phones: Mother's cell \_\_\_\_\_ Father's cell \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: Mother's \_\_\_\_\_ Father's \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Class \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument(s) & years of study \_\_\_\_\_

Private Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's email address \_\_\_\_\_

Orchestra/Band Director \_\_\_\_\_ Are you currently a YOSA member? \_\_\_\_\_

OD/BD's email address \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (our "uniform" if you become a YAP Fellow) \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate Men's or Women's cut T-shirt \_\_\_\_\_

**Orchestral & Chamber Music Experience.** (List on reverse side chamber music repertoire studied and performed)

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(After filling in the writable form, you will need to print, sign the form physically and rescan before email delivery to [cpmfeddirector@gmail.com](mailto:cpmfeddirector@gmail.com). NO JPGs, please.)

*If accepted to participate in the Cactus Pear Music Festival Young Artist Program, I agree to attend all lessons, coachings, rehearsals, lectures and concerts for which I am scheduled during June 29 through July 19, 2026. I hereby give my consent to be included in photographs as well as video and audio recordings of the Young Artist Program to be used for promotional, archival and development purposes, as well as possible public broadcast.*

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Application receipt deadline of all materials is due before midnight MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026.

Mr. Craig Sorgi, Education Director • [cpmfeddirector@gmail.com](mailto:cpmfeddirector@gmail.com)