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CAMP DATE & LOCATION

June 17-21

Mesa InterStake Center
830 E. 2nd Ave Mesa AZ 85204



The MYS staff offers a week-long program of musical work, fun, and learning to challenge young musicians.

Online Application
WWW.AZMYS.ORG

Early Registration Ends June 1st



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METROPOLITAN
YOUTH SYMPHONY

Summer
Music Camp



June 17-21, 2024

Performance Friday, June 21, 6:30pm

Strings through 9th grade
Band through 12th grade

ELECTIVES (*full-day only*)

Beginning Guitar

Dreaming of strumming beyond open strings? Think "I got this!" not "I can't." Dive into our world of cool pickin' and sassy strummin! Our beginner guitar class is your jam. Don't have your own guitar? We have a few available to borrow.

Beginning Jazz

Calling all music lovers! Dive into the groove with us and you'll be jammin' out in just the first 15 minutes! By the time the week wraps up, you'll be hosting your own jam session. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting your jazz journey, we've got the beats, the rhythms, and the tunes to bring your improv dreams to life. Your musical adventure awaits!

Expression and Movement in Music

Get ready to dazzle and dance your way into the hearts of your audience! This fun-packed elective is all about mastering the art of movement and expression to rock your music performance. Think of it as a performance glow-up class! You'll get to choose a simple piece to play and we'll sprinkle some magic on how you present it. Let's move, groove, and improve!

Yoga for Musicians

Get ready to twist, stretch, and strike a pose! In this fun elective, you'll get cozy with basic yoga poses that boost your posture, balance out those wobbles, melt away tension! Just a heads-up: wear something comfy that lets your arms and legs move like they're in a dance-off! Let's bend, flex, and have a blast!

Sight-Read and Audition Like a Pro

Ever left an audition thinking, "Dang, if only my sight-reading didn't crash and burn"? Wanna level up your sight-reading game and ace those auditions? This class is your golden ticket! We've got all the pro tips and tricks to supercharge your sight-reading skills and skyrocket your audition scores. Let's turn those "oops" into "wows"!



CAVITY CAVE

Guess what? Cavity Cave is back and better than ever! Swing by during lunches or after school to stock up on all your snack essentials. From chips to candy, we've got your cravings covered. Don't forget your change!

FULL-DAY CAMP \$290

\$90 nonrefundable deposit due June 1

\$200 balance due June 17

Full-day camp held each day 8am - 3pm

Placement Audition Required

WHEN: Mon 6/10 - Fri 6/14 by appointment

WHERE: MYS office - 49 W. 1st Street, Mesa

WHAT: 1-2 minute solo or exercise (*musician's choice*) Scales appropriate for musician's level and a short sight-reading excerpt (chosen by adjudicator)

Your specific audition day/time will be
EMAILED to you by June 4th

MINI STRINGS CAMP \$180

\$90 nonrefundable deposit due June 1

\$100 balance due June 17

Mini camp held each day 8am - 12pm

This entry-level strings group is for student musicians who have played for at least one year and may not be taking private lessons. No audition is required.

Mini-Camp offers opportunities such as: following a conductor, refining pitch recognition, note-reading skills, improving rhythmic accuracy, and playing in a large group. Students will experience success and the joy of creating music together.



*Campers should bring a sack
lunch daily*

*There will be a free concert for friends
and family Friday June 21, 6:30 pm.*

Mesa InterStake Center



Typical Daily Schedule

8:00am: Daily Meeting - Get to know you games, morning announcements, Theory Flash

1st Session: Rehearsal / Sectionals

Morning Break

2nd Session: Rehearsal / Sectionals

Lunch and Visiting Artist Performance

3rd Session: Elective 1

4th Session: Elective 2

5th Session: Rehearsal

2:50pm: End of the Day Meeting

3:00pm: Release



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