

RAPPAHANNOCK CONCERT ASSOCIATION

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JOIN THE STRINGS CREWE & SONNY*



Free String Lessons for Northern Neck Students *The String Orchestra for Northern Neck Youth

- **Strings Crewe for Beginners: FREE weekly lessons for 9-15 year-old students. Violin, viola and cello.**
- **In lieu of tuition, donations are welcome but not required.**
- **Venue: St. John's Episcopal Church in Warsaw.**
- **We're generous but also rigorous: Parents pledge steady attendance and take notes so they can supervise practice during the week.**
- **Parents pledge to supervise at least four practices weekly and provide listening experiences as suggested by instructors to optimize progress. Students love excellence!**
- **Students and parents agree to stick with lessons for at least four months.**
- **FREE Instruments, sized to fit your child. Students choose their favorite sound!**
- ***Once students are capable of reading music, they are automatically enrolled in SONNY. No auditions.**
- **SONNY musicians must continue with private lessons in addition to attending ten rehearsals per semester.**

_____ Print Parent/Caregiver Name		_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Address		_____ City	_____, VA ZIP
_____ Print Child's Name		_____ Date of Birth	
_____ School attending in 2025-2026		_____ Grade	
_____ Phone	_____ Email address		



Email to Sue Nunn, Director Crewe Academy for Strings
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Or text her at 703-577-3553. Call anytime with questions.

CREWE ACADEMY BENEFACTOR



CAROLYN CREWE GRAY was a board member of the **Rappahannock Concert Association**. Her estate bequeathed funding for music education to the Rappahannock Concert Association. We organized focus groups to determine the best use of our resources and found there was no string instruction in Northern Neck schools. We named our project the Crewe Academy for Strings after her maiden name. Once students are capable of reading music -- about one year -- they may join The String Orchestra for Northern Neck Youth. **Additional supporting organizations:** River Counties Community Foundation; Cole Charitable Trust; Northern Neck Orchestra; Rappahannock Music Study Club; the Unitarian Servetus Endowment Fund; Wiley Foundation; Grace Episcopal Community Outreach; and the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts.

INSTRUCTORS



Christine Hartigan, Cello. She is cellist and founder of Forte Music Studios and The Virginia Cello Ensembles and has served as the principal cellist for the University of Mary Washington Philharmonic Orchestra, the Rappahannock Pops Orchestra, the Old Bridge Chamber Orchestra, and Spotswood Community Orchestra. Her professional affiliations include American Strings Teachers Association (ASTA), Virginia String Teacher Association (VASTA) where she is currently president, and the Rappahannock Music Society (RMS).

Greg Bowen, Violin/Viola. He received his Bachelor of Music in 2017 from the University of Iowa, and received his Master of Music in Performance and Pedagogy in 2019. He also teaches at the Greenspring International School of Music in Richmond and holds a Suzuki Level 3 Certification. He is a violist for the Northern Neck Orchestra.



Bruce Passaretti, SONNY Conductor. He is the band and guitar teacher at Montross Middle School. He received his Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Grove City College, PA in 2016. Mr. Passaretti received a Masters of Music in Music Education degree from Boston University in 2021. He played a side-by-side performance with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra where he played co-principal trumpet. He is a Music Director at Nomini Baptist Church in Montross.

Arline Hinkson, Crewe Advisor and Piano Accompanist. She did her piano studies with Katherine Bacon at the Julliard School of Music and with Pierre Sancan at the Conservatoire de Paris. She received a Master's Degree in Music Education from Long Island University. She performs for the Northern Neck Orchestra and churches on the Northern Neck.



BENEFITS OF EARLY MUSIC EDUCATION

It enhances language skills and brain development and teaches discipline and focus while learning an enjoyable life skill. Music students have higher grades, better school attendance and fewer discipline issues. Students learn to achieve excellence with a community. Joyful performances!

The Rappahannock Concert Association is a 501c3 organization (EIN#54-1978412)

Our Mission:

- 1) Provide quality live performances to a subscriber base and the broad Northern Neck community.
- 2) Support music education to the region's youth with student concerts, teachers' grants and free string lessons and instruments.