

RAPPAHANNOCK CONCERT ASSOCIATION

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JOIN THE STRINGS CREWE & SONNY*



String Lessons for Northern Neck Students

****The String Orchestra for Northern Neck Youth**

- **FREE Private weekly lessons, Suzuki method. Violin, viola and cello. In lieu of tuition, donations are welcome, but not required.**
- **Venues: Campbell Presbyterian Church, Weems; Northumberland Pubic Library in Heathsville and St. John's Episcopal in Warsaw.**
- **Parents schedule orientation with instructors before the first lesson.**
- **Parents attend lessons 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. We're generous but also rigorous -- 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!**
- ****Capable students with at least a year of lessons may join SONNY.**
- **Parents allow student's photos & videos to be used for press releases, advertising, and posting on YouTube and Facebook.**

_____	_____	_____
Print Parent/Caregiver Name	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Address	City	VA ZIP
_____	_____	_____
Child's Name	Date of Birth	
_____	_____	
School attending in 2022-2023	Grade	
_____	_____	
Phone	Email address	

Email to Sue Nunn, Director Crewe Program suenunn41@gmail.com

Or call/text her at 703-577-3553. Or snail mail to PO Box 153, Heathsville, VA 22473

"STRINGS CREWE" 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 strings instruction in Northern Neck schools. We decided to name our project "The Strings Crewe" after her maiden name. Once students have had at least one year of weekly lessons, they may join The String Orchestra for Northern Neck Youth. **Additional supporting organizations:** River Counties Community Foundation; Virginia Commission for the Arts/NEA; Cole Charitable Trust; Northern Neck Orchestra; Rappahannock Music Study Club; and the Unitarian Servetus Endowment Fund.

INSTRUCTORS

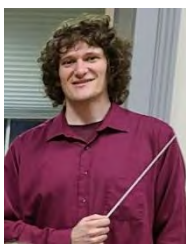


Rebecca Ann Young, Cello. She graduated from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA where she studied cello and graduated with a degree in Music Education. She taught public school music in Ohio and New Jersey for over 32 years. Rebecca has played with the Akron POPS Orchestra and performed with a piano/string trio and other small ensembles. Mrs. Young teaches at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville.



Mei-Li Beane, Violin. She studied music at Rutgers University, the Conservatory of Seville, Spain and the College of William and Mary from which she holds a degree. She is on the board of the Williamsburg Youth Orchestra and teaches at the Providence Classical School.

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 Bachelors 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

Enhances language skills and brain development. Teaches discipline and focus while learning an enjoyable 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 - Mission:

Provide quality live performances to a subscriber base and the broader community on the Northern Neck; and support music education to the region's youth with student concerts, teachers' grants and free string lessons and instruments.