

# 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

- FREE Private weekly lessons for 9-15 year-old students. Violin, viola and cello. In lieu of tuition, donations are welcome but not required.
- Venues: Violin/viola, Campbell Presbyterian Church, Weems & St. John's Episcopal Church in Warsaw. Cello, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville.
- Parents/caregivers 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.

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Print Parent/Caregiver Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_, VA \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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School attending in 2024-2025 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_



Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

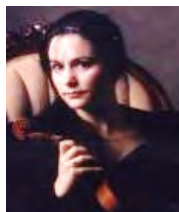
Email to Sue Nunn, Director Crewe Program [suenunn41@gmail.com](mailto:suenunn41@gmail.com)  
Or text her at 703-577-3553. Call anytime with questions.

## "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

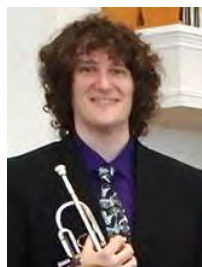


**Mei-Li Beane, Violin.** She studied music at Rutgers University, the Conservatory of Seville, Spain and the College of William and Mary from which she holds a degree. She is on the board of the Williamsburg Youth Orchestra and teaches at the Providence Classical School.



**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 2019 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

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 – Our Mission:**

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