# LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC ACADEMY & FESTIVAL

# JUNE 21 - JULY 19, 2015

A training and performance program on the campus of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa Grades 8 - 12

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# **ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR:**

Band, Choir, Orchestra, Piano, Pipe Organ, and Composition



Discover a place where music and faith meet in community. At the Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM), talented young musicians from across the country gather to be a part of this unique summer experience where:

Supportive community is grounded in an environment that values cooperation over competition, creating a place where all students can thrive and feel valued for their unique gifts and talents.

Musical excellence is achieved through rigorous study and expressed in recitals and concerts during Festival Week. Throughout the four weeks, students have the time they need to meaningfully build their musical skills and to experience music in different ways through electives.

Faith exploration and worship are central to LSM. Sunday worship, dorm devotions, a Bach cantata, and a hymn festival are all a part of the LSM experience.

We make it possible for any student to attend LSM by:

- Providing financial assistance and discounts to over 80% of students.
- Welcoming students of all religious backgrounds.
- Creating a support system that allows all LSM students to succeed.

To learn more and apply online, visit: www.lutheransummermusic.org

Call or email us with your questions: 888-635-6583 (toll free) admissions@lutheransummermusic.org





**Who?** Band, orchestra, choir, piano, pipe organ, and composition students completing grades 8-12 from across the U.S. and abroad. Students are taught by a team of world-class faculty artists, led by dedicated counselors and interns, and guided in worship by a committed worship team.

**What?** A four-week residential training and performance program for students of all religious backgrounds. Musical study, rehearsal, and performance are rooted in an intentional community that supports musical *and* personal growth.

When? June 21 - July 19, 2015

**Where?** Luther College is located in beautiful Decorah, IA, three hours south of Minneapolis, MN. Renowned for its music program, Luther's music facilities are perfectly suited to our studio, rehearsal, practice, and performance needs.

**Why?** If you're a dedicated young musician looking for a focused but fun summer... if you're thinking about studying or playing music in college (especially a Lutheran liberal arts college)... if you're looking for a community of friends that shares your love for music and faith... then: **LSM IS FOR YOU!** 

**How?** The application process begins online at **www.lutheransummermusic.org**. You'll also find information on early enrollment discounts, scholarships, and financial aid. Applying is easy, so check us out today!

"Between all that I have learned about both music and my faith and all the friends that I have made here, Lutheran Summer Music has changed my life."

—LSM Student

## **OUR PROGRAM**

LSM is comprised of three interconnected areas—MUSIC, FAITH, and COMMUNITY.

#### MUSIC

#### All LSM students participate in:

**Private Lessons.** You'll receive two ½-hour voice, instrument, or composition lessons each week. You may also audition and register for lessons on a secondary instrument.

Large Ensemble. You'll be placed by audition in band, choir, or orchestra. Students interested in placement in a second large ensemble must submit an additional audition recording for that instrument or voice.

**Small Ensemble.** You'll play or sing in a faculty-coached chamber ensemble or composition group.

**Musicianship Class.** The LSM curriculum teaches music fundamentals, theory, history, and composition.

Electives. See next page.

**LSM Concert & Recital Series.** Faculty, guest artists, and students perform more than 50 performances during the four-week program.

#### FAITH

Worship and service are central to daily life at LSM. Our chaplain provides spiritual leadership and creates a supportive community where faith – regardless of religious background – can be explored and the Lutheran church's tradition of musical excellence is celebrated.

#### **COMMUNITY**

In addition to your musical ensembles, you'll be part of a small student group led by a counselor who resides in the dormitory with you. Counselors support students and plan fun activities that offer balance in the midst of your busy musical schedule.

#### **FACULTY**

LSM faculty artists are exceptional musicians and educators from the best professional ensembles, Lutheran colleges, and public universities in the country. Complete bios are posted on our website as they become available. The 2015 conductors are:



BAND
Dr. Jeffrey Doebler
Valparaiso University



CHOIR

Dr. Andrew Last

Luther College



ORCHESTRA

Dr. David Upham

University of New Hampshire

## LSM ELECTIVES

Customize your LSM experience! Electives encourage you to build new skills and dive into your unique musical interests. All electives have a \$100 fee.

# YOU MAY CHOOSE ONE (1) ELECTIVE FROM EACH OPTION BELOW.

ELECTIVE OPTION A	ELECTIVE OPTION B
<b>Collegium Musicum.</b> Explore baroque and renaissance music and instruments (no audition required).	Advanced Handbells. For students with handbell choir experience (onsite audition required).
Jazz Ensemble. Jazz theory, techniques, and history come together in this fun performance ensemble (onsite audition required).	Jazz Improvisation. Step out and learn improvisation skills (all instruments – no audition required).
<b>Class Piano.</b> Beginners learn the basics of piano in a small-group lab setting.	Class Piano. Identical to Option A.
<b>Beginning Handbells.</b> Explore basic handbell choir elements and techniques (no audition required).	Conducting (choral and instrumental). Grab a baton and lead (no experience required).
Intermediate Composition. Discover your creative voice (onsite musicianship assessment placement of level II or above required).	<b>Intermediate Composition.</b> Identical to Option A.
<b>Church Music.</b> Lutheran hymnody, liturgical history, and worship planning are explored. <b>No fee.</b>	Intro to Pipe Organ. Learn how the pipe organ works and experience playing this majestic instrument (basic keyboard skills required).

# YOU MAY ALSO CHOOSE FROM ANY OF THESE ELECTIVES.

**Chapel Choir.** This non-audition choir rehearses daily, provides music for worship throughout LSM, and is open to the entire community. **No fee.** 

**Secondary Lessons.** If you also sing or play a second instrument, you may sign up for weekly lessons with LSM faculty. Strongly suggested for all students wanting a second large ensemble placement (audition required with application).



# TUITION, SCHOLARSHIPS, & FINANCIAL AID

#### LSM IS AFFORDABLE

We're committed to accessibility and offer many forms of financial assistance. In 2014, more than 80% of our students received financial assistance, so be sure to inquire about these opportunities. We offer:

- Need-based aid: based on each family's unique financial need
- Merit-based scholarships: for students who show strong musical and technical proficiency
- Young Musicians Partnership discount: available to all member youth at partner congregations (learn more on pg. 8)
- Lutheran high school discount: for students enrolled in Lutheran high schools around the country
- Matching Funds: donations from churches, businesses, booster groups, and local organizations are eligible to be matched by LSM at 33%
- Transportation grants: funds for students who travel a great distance to get to LSM
- Early enrollment discount deadlines:

November 30, 2014 - \$250

January 30, 2015 - \$200

February 28, 2015 - \$150

March 31, 2015 - \$100

#### TUITION

With so many forms of support, LSM's base tuition of \$3,195 (includes four weeks room/board plus music instruction and activities) is significantly reduced for more than 80% of all applicants.

"I have met many of my closest friends at LSM. These are people who are serious about music, but also know how to have fun." —LSM Student



#### IS LSM ONLY FOR LUTHERANS?

Absolutely not! More than 25% of students are non-Lutheran, coming from many denominations and faiths. Everyone is welcome at LSM.

#### WHERE IS LSM?

Luther College is a private, liberal arts college in Decorah, IA, located three hours south of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport (MSP). We provide a chaperoned shuttle between MSP and Decorah for a small fee. Worship in the Center for Faith & Life, student life in Farwell Hall, delicious meals, and recreational offerings await you on this gorgeous campus nestled in the sandstone river bluffs of northeastern Iowa.

# Minneapolis/ St. Paul WISCONSIN DECORAH, IA Milwaukee IOWA Des Moines LLLINOIS Chicago

# CAN MY FAMILY COME TO PERFORMANCES?

Family and friends are invited and encouraged to attend Festival Week. This final week of LSM features studio and chamber recitals, large ensemble concerts, Bach Cantata, a hymn festival, and more. The events calendar and Decorah area hotel information is online at www.lutheransummermusic.org.

#### IS LSM ACCESSIBLE?

LSM provides a welcoming home for all students. All of our activities take place in facilities that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and staff and faculty are ready to create a successful learning environment for all participants. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, gender, disability, or national or ethnic origin.

#### ARE INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Yes! College music students are eligible to apply for 12 positions that support all aspects of the program at a greatly reduced cost. Learn more at www.lutheransummermusic.org.



### APPLY TODAY!

Visit www.lutheransummermusic.org to begin your online application. You'll need to submit the following:

- A completed online application form
- A CD recording, Skype<sup>®</sup>, YouTube<sup>®</sup>, electronic, or live audition (guidelines online)
- A musical recommendation from a music teacher or director
- A personal recommendation from a teacher, pastor, or other adult
- A non-refundable \$25 application fee

Students are accepted on a rolling basis and placements fill quickly. If you have questions, contact us at:

Lutheran Summer Music 122 W Franklin Avenue, Suite 230 Minneapolis, MN 55404 612-879-9555 (Minneapolis), 888-635-6583 (toll free) admissions@lutheransummermusic.org

## CONGREGATIONS

Join the Young Musicians Partnership: More than 90 congregations nationwide help send promising young musicians to LSM each summer through the Young Musicians Partnership (YMP). Get your church involved and help train and support the next generation of musicians for the church! Benefits include:

- 10% tuition discount for all member youth
- · Matching funds from LSM to your church's scholarship
- Partner resources and a network of engaged churches committed to sustaining the rich musical heritage of the church

# COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Attendance at LSM qualifies you for college scholarships through our Collegiate Partnership program. A growing number of Lutheran colleges and universities have scholarships exclusively for alumni of LSM, ranging from \$500 to \$6,000. To learn more, go to the Colleges/Universities section of our website for a list of participating schools.







