The St. Olaf Music Camp Experience

If you want to spend time with others who love music as much as you do — and learn from some of the most outstanding faculty in the nation — plan to be here June 19–25 for the best week of your summer! Join high school students from around the nation in this intense and exciting week of music-making under the direction of the internationally acclaimed St. Olaf College music faculty.

Days are filled with classes, lessons, rehearsals, and practice, but that’s not all. After a great meal and time to visit with new friends, you will enjoy faculty recitals, student recitals and performances, and social and recreational activities directed by camp counselors who are St. Olaf music students. A camp dance and a Talent/No Talent Night complete this rigorous and fun-filled week. You will return home with new skills, new energy, new friends, and a heightened commitment to music.

The camp is open to high school students who have completed grade 9, 10, 11, or 12.
The Program
This performance-based experience will challenge and encourage you to stretch your musical abilities. Everyone participates in at least one large ensemble (band, choir, or orchestra). You will complete your day with elective classes and an optional second ensemble. Two 30-minute private lessons are included with your camp tuition, and an optional package of two more lessons is available for an additional fee. Students fill in their daily schedules with their choice of classes.

Evening performances include recitals by St. Olaf faculty, counselors, and campers. Camp concludes with a series of recitals on Friday and a concert on Saturday featuring the camp band, choir, and orchestra. The concert will be streamed, and a digital download of the final concert will be available.

Major Ensembles
Band
Conducted by Timothy Mahr ’78, conductor of the St. Olaf Band

Choir
Conducted by Therees Hibbard, conductor of the Manitou Singers and the St. Olaf Chamber Singers

Orchestra
Conducted by Steve Amundson, conductor of the St. Olaf Orchestra

Classes
You will be enrolled in two to three classes, depending on your major ensemble participation. Class registration is on a first-come basis. Visit stolaf.edu/camps for class descriptions.

Classes include:
Instrumental Chamber Music, Ear Training, Music Theory, Rhythm Workshop, Conducting Basics, Jazz Improvisation, Musical Theater Workshop, Handbells, World Music, The Nuts and Bolts in your Musical Toolbox

Piano Academy
Piano Academy offer high school piano students an opportunity to work individually and in small groups with members of the St. Olaf faculty. It is held concurrently with the Summer Music Camp, the Piano Academy offer one-on-one musical attention as well as large group activities and recitals. Call, email, or visit our website for a brochure: 507-786-3031, summer@stolaf.edu, or stolaf.edu/camps.

Camp Schedule
Sunday, June 19
11 a.m.–3 p.m. Auditions and registration in Christiansen Hall of Music

Monday–Friday June 20–24
8 a.m.–11 p.m. Rehearsals, classes, lessons, recitals, and social activities

Saturday, June 25
9 a.m.–2 p.m. Rehearsals and recitals
11 a.m.–1 p.m. Lunch, families invited
3–5 p.m. Final concert

Camp Fees
Comprehensive Fee* $630
Fee includes housing in a college residence hall, all meals from Sunday dinner through Saturday lunch, class materials, two private lessons, and a camp T-shirt.

Additional Lesson Package $65
Two additional half-hour lessons, instrument or voice of your choice.

* Contact St. Olaf Camps (summer@stolaf.edu) if you are interested in a non-residential option.

Late fees apply after May 1.

Registration
For more information, to register online, or to download a registration form, visit stolaf.edu/camps.

Refund Policy
Written cancellations received by May 1 will receive a refund minus a $100 deposit. No refunds will be made after May 1.

College Scholarships Competition
St. Olaf Summer Music Camp will again be awarding scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each to three outstanding Summer Music Campers. These campers must be rising seniors, and each must subsequently apply, be admitted to, and enroll as first-year students at St. Olaf College for the fall 2017 term. Each award will be a renewable scholarship for up to four years, for a total of $4,000 each. More details visit stolaf.edu/camps.