

WHO ARE WE?



ENSEMBLE SABAKU is a group of professional musicians whose energetic and lively style have delighted school and community audiences across Arizona and in Sinaloa, Mexico. Members of the Ensemble have extensive background in traditional string pedagogy and Suzuki teaching. Ensemble Sabaku has been on the Artists Roster of the Arizona Commission on the Arts since 1997.

Ensemble Members

Cynthia Baker, 1st Violin—AZ Opera Orchestra
Levon Zarasian, 2nd Violin—Phoenix Symphony
Fred Chao, Cello—Phoenix Symphony

CLAIRE GORDON, musical director, has been the conductor of the West Valley Youth Orchestra since its first full season in 1997. She taught strings in the Washington Elementary School District for fifteen years. Currently she maintains a large private studio of violin, viola, and piano students. She has served as an adjudicator for various music festivals and has conducted honor orchestras for several school districts in the Phoenix area. Mrs. Gordon had the privilege of conducting Arizona Elementary AllState Orchestra in 2001 and 2014, the 2008 Arizona Junior High All-State Orchestra and the 2014 Greater Phoenix Honor Orchestra Festival. She is a member of the West Valley Symphony and is an active freelance violinist.

HOW TO REACH US:

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Chamber Music Summer Camp
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We are ADA Accessible.
The West Valley Youth Orchestra
is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit
organization. Tax deductible donations
are welcomed.



CHAMBER MUSIC SUMMER CAMP

with Ensemble Sabaku



June 16-20, 2025

Desert Springs Community Church
14440 W. Indian School Rd.
Goodyear, AZ 85395

Camp Director: Claire Gordon
(602) 826-9453

CHAMBER MUSIC SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

The WVYO Chamber Music Summer Camp offers young talented musicians an opportunity to join their peers for chamber music training and exciting musical performances.

The camp is for musicians ages 10-19. Students younger than 10 will need special permission to attend.

STUDENTS WHO ATTEND THIS CAMP WILL

- Learn to play an independent part in a small ensemble
- Discover the joy of making music with their peers
- Further their musical knowledge
- Become better musicians



ACTIVITIES:

- Ensemble Rehearsal and Coaching
- Orchestra (Two Levels)
- Theory/Composition (Four Levels)
- Special guest speakers.

Students need to bring a music stand, pencil, metronome/tuner, and a sack lunch each day.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE:

- 9:00-10:15- Orchestra Rehearsal
- 10:20-11:20- Special Session (different each day)
- 11:20-11:50- Lunch Break (sack lunch)
- 11:50-12:50- Ensemble Rehearsal
- 12:55 -1:55 - Theory
- 2:00-3:00- Ensemble Coaching

The program will showcase the camp ensembles, orchestras, and Quartet Sabaku

AUDITION IS REQUIRED

- Major and Minor Scales: two or three octaves up to three sharps/ three flats with accurate intonation
- Prepared Solo: student's choice, two minutes long (Equivalent to Suzuki Book 2 or above)
- There will also be a short theory assessment at the audition

AUDITION DATE/LOCATION:

June 7, 2025

Desert Springs Community Church
14440 W. Indian School Rd. Goodyear

CAMP COST:

- Early Bird Price (if paid in full by 5/1/25): \$310
- Regular Price: \$335
- \$10 discount for siblings
- No refunds after June 1, 2025

A limited number of partial scholarships are available based on financial need or merit. Please ask for an application

CAMP LOCATION/TIME:

Desert Springs Community Church
14440 W. Indian School Rd.
Goodyear, AZ 85395

Monday- Friday, 9:00am to 3:00 pm

CAMP CONCERT:

Desert Springs Community Church
14440 W. Indian School Rd., Goodyear

Friday, June 20 at 5:00pm
Tickets: \$10



REGISTRATION FORM

Student Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Parent's Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ Present Grade Level: _____

School: _____

Instrument: _____

Years Studied on this Instrument: _____

Name, Phone, and Email of Private

Instructor: _____

Name of student(s) you would like to be placed with: _____

I give permission for photos of my child to be used for camp publicity:

Yes__ No__

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Registration closes May 30, 2025



Register and Pay online at
www.wvyo.org

Or send registration form to
PO Box 206

Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

Make checks payable to
West Valley Youth Orchestra