



UAF DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Summer Music Academy

Program Update!

The UAF Summer Music Academy (SMA) seeks to provide a **quality music education experience for students** entering grades 6–12.

UAF provides an excellent combination of music faculty, alumni, and guest artists who share a passion for offering high-level musical instruction.

WHO WE ARE → STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

“Being in SMA was a **game changer** for my musicianship. I developed a lot of the important skills you need to play in a high level ensemble, and the confidence to perform for an audience.”

Seth Burke attended **SMA every summer from 2018-2022**. He is currently studying jazz and classical performance at William Paterson University of New Jersey, and is **pursuing a career in trumpet playing**.



The SMA Support Fund

makes this experience available to students of all levels and socio-economic backgrounds by offering varying forms of financial support.

Needs-based scholarships go to students who would not otherwise be able to attend SMA. Amounts range from **partial to full scholarships**, depending on an individual's specific needs.

Mentorships are available to students who have completed 11th or 12th grade. This is a **full scholarship** to attend SMA and **act as a mentor** to younger students. Mentors are called on to perform and work with younger students when needed.

This faculty seeks to recruit and retain superior music students for the UAF Department of Music through the offering of the UAF Summer Music Academy. On average, **UAF recruits three music majors every year as a direct result of the UAF Summer Music Academy**.



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In light of the recent budget cuts to the FNSB School District Music Programs, SMA will offer a **new program** geared towards 6th graders who want to get a head start for their first band or orchestra experience in Middle School! This Intro program will **provide students with a starting off point** in their musical training as well as introduce them to the Fairbanks Music Community at large.

WHAT'S
NEW

OUR
GOAL

The UAF Summer Music Academy **strives to support all students** of the appropriate age group and musical experience, regardless of race, religion, gender, or culture in accordance with UAF AA/EO policies. We recognize that each student has a unique style and pace of learning. We seek to provide opportunities for students to learn in their own style and at their own pace while fitting into the larger musical community. This goal is **only achievable with support** from the Fairbanks community.

Donations to the UAF Summer Music Academy Support fund will allow SMA to continue offering a quality music education program, provide scholarships and mentorships, and **make this wonderful program even better!**

The Summer Music Academy's goal is to raise \$40,000 in SMA support funds. **Please consider becoming a sponsor and sending a gift for the Summer Music Academy and help us reach our goal.**



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SUPPORT FUND LEVELS

Title Sponsor: \$5,000+

- Logo printed on Academy t-shirts
- Logo/Name listed as Event Sponsor for one of the final events
- Logo/Name listed as Title Sponsor on concert programs, website, & social media

Advocate: \$1,000-\$2,999

- Logo printed on Academy t-shirts
- Logo/Name included on all online platforms & in Final Concert Program

Faculty Patron: \$3,000-\$4,999

- Logo printed on Academy t-shirts
- Logo/Name listed as sponsor for selected faculty concert programs, website, and social media

Friend: \$50-\$499

- Name/Business listed on website & in Final Concert Program

Supporter: \$500-\$999

- Logo included in all online platforms & in Final Concert Program

Donations are mailed to UA Foundation, PO Box 755080, Fairbanks, AK 99775-5080. Checks should be made out to the UA Foundation with "UAF Summer Music Academy <level of sponsorship>" in the memo line.

If you prefer to donate with a credit card, go to <https://bit.ly/UAFSMA>, and note the level of sponsorship in the "comments" field.





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2025 Faculty

- **Trevor Adams** (UAF Alumni)
Viola & Symphony
- **Nathan Arnold** (UAF Faculty)
Guitar & Rock Band
- **Michael Austin** (UAF Alumni)
Violin & Orchestra
- **Dr. Jaunelle Celaire** (UAF Faculty)
Artistic Director & Voice
- **Jenna Dreydoppel**
Crew Lead
- **Dr. Kathryn Eagles** (UAF Alumni)
Flute
- **Caleb Herron** (UAF Alumni)
Percussion
- **Steve Holmberg** (UAF Benefactor)
Enrichment
- **TJ Hovest** (UAF Faculty & Alumni)
Trumpet, Jazz, Band, Rock Band
- **Amy Ingram** (UAF Faculty & Alumni)
Voice
- **Avalon Lee**
Bass
- **Suzanne McBride-Rudey** (UAF Alumni)
Piano
- **Dr. Sarah McConnell** (UAF Faculty)
Administration & Planning Committee
- **Jay Million** (UAF Faculty & Alumni)
Enrichment & Woodwinds
- **Connie Oba** (UAF Alumni)
Choral Accompanist
- **Shawn Savegeau** (UAF Alumni)
Percussion
- **James Spontak** (UAF Faculty & Alumni)
Piano
- **Dr. Daniel Strawser** (UAF Faculty)
Cello & Planning Committee
- **Hannah Wagar** (UAF Alumni)
Piano
- **Melanie Bieniek**
Low Brass & Intro to Band
- **Liesl Wietgreffe**
Woodwinds
- **Ryan Bowers**
Pop & Folk Music

2025 Concert Schedule

Daily, Monday-Friday:

Concert Hour | 12:30pm | Davis Concert Hall

Thursday, June 12

Music in the Gardens | 5:30pm | UAF Botanical
Gardens

Featuring SMA Jazz & Rock Bands

Friday, June 13

Awards Ceremony | 12:30pm | Davis Concert Hall

Chamber Music | 2pm | Great Hall

Choirs | 3pm | Davis Concert Hall

Chamber Music | 4pm | Great Hall

Band/Orchestra/Symphony | 4:30pm | Davis
Concert Hall

Family Picnic | 5:30pm | Back Lawn

*Faculty & Schedule is subject to change



With Gratitude,
Dr. Jaunelle Celaire
CHAIR, PROFESSOR OF VOICE, UAF

P.S. the UAF Summer Music Academy is
scheduled for June 2-13, 2025.
Save the Date and Spread the Word!

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