

# 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, Retired



Claire Gordon, our Musical Director, has led the West Valley Youth Symphony since its inaugural full season in 1997. She spent fifteen years teaching strings in the Washington Elementary School District and now operates a thriving private studio, instructing students in violin, viola, and piano. In addition to her teaching, she has served as an adjudicator for numerous music festivals and has conducted honor orchestras for several Phoenix-area school districts. Mrs. Gordon was honored to conduct the Arizona Elementary All-State Orchestra in 2001 and 2014, the 2008 Arizona Junior High All-State Orchestra, and the 2014 Greater Phoenix Honor Orchestra Festival. She performs with the West Valley Symphony and remains active as a freelance violinist.

# How to Contact Us:

## Address

West Valley Youth Symphony  
Chamber Music Summer Camp  
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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 22-26, 2026

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 WVYS 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

## 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 6, 2026**

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

## CAMP COST:

- Early Bird Price (if paid in full by 5/4/2026): \$315
- Regular Price: \$340
- \$10 discount for siblings
- No refunds after June 6, 2026

*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:

Friday, June 26, at 5:00pm  
Tickets: \$10  
Desert Springs Community Church  
14440 W. Indian School Rd, in Goodyear

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



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special needs you would like us to know: \_\_\_\_\_

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, 2026**

Register and Pay online at  
www.wvysaz.org  
Or send registration form to  
PO Box 206  
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340  
Make checks payable to  
West Valley Youth Orchestra

