

THE SHOREWOOD STRINGS PROGRAM

The Shorewood Orchestra program dates back to 1925, and significant growth has taken place in the last eighteen years under the stewardship of current directors Karen Frink, Melissa Honigman and Julie Nolan. There are currently 210 elementary orchestra students at Atwater and Lake Bluff Elementary Schools and 290 students in the Shorewood Intermediate and Shorewood High School Orchestras. In addition to regular performance music curriculum as part of a comprehensive liberal arts program offered in the Shorewood Schools, our students participate in a variety of music-related activities including:

- formal school concerts
- informal performances at school and throughout the community, including the Shorewood Women's Club and Senior Center
- a student tutoring program
- trips and tours both national and international, to destinations including Lawrence and Northwestern Universities, London (2000), Italy (2004), Czech Republic and Austria (2008), Italy (2012), Carnegie Hall New York (2014) and France and Spain (2016)
- district and state solo and ensemble contests
- summer music camps, including the "Summer Strings" program sponsored by the Shorewood Recreation Department

Students in fourth grade are only just beginning a long, rewarding journey in the study of music through their participation in the Shorewood Orchestra program. To learn more about the Shorewood Orchestra program, please visit our website at www.shorewoodorchestra.org.

In 1997, a group of Shorewood Orchestra parents formed the Shorewood Orchestra Boosters, a non-profit organization committed to support and enhancement of the Shorewood Orchestra program. Parents participate in fundraising, advocacy, and volunteer activities. The Shorewood Orchestra Boosters have provided funding for guest artists and clinicians, classroom equipment and technology, orchestra awards and certificates, and summer camp scholarships. With the support of Brass Bell Music Store, the Shorewood Orchestra Boosters have instituted an elementary orchestra instrument rental scholarship program. In 2007, for the first time, the Shorewood Orchestra Boosters sponsored a guest artist to perform with the SHS orchestras, Professor Oswald Lehnert of the University of Colorado at Boulder. Since then, guest artists have included violinists Michael Giacobassi, Margot Schwartz, and Peter Vickery, bassoonist Beth Giacobassi, cellists Ravenna Helson, Scott Tisdell, and Peter Thomas, and pianist Stefanie Jacob. Finally, the Shorewood Orchestra Boosters help facilitate student fundraising for SIS and SHS Orchestra trips, including the SHS Orchestra Tour to France and Spain this spring. To become more involved with the Shorewood Orchestra Boosters, please contact Karen Frink at kfrink@shorewood.k12.wi.us.