

March 29, 2015

Dear parents, teachers and program directors,

At Boston String Academy we are excited to host the 2015 El Sistema Summer Academy. We would like to invite your children or students to take part of this intensive orchestra training program. It will take place in the beautiful mansion of Longy School of Music of Bard College located in Cambridge, MA, home of some of the best schools in the country such as Harvard and MIT. Bringing together instructors and students from El Sistema-inspired programs across the United States and abroad, the program will foster friendships, enhance musical artistry, and promote leadership skills through the orchestra.

If you would like your child or student to participate, please return a completed registration form to Boston String Academy no later than the priority deadline of May 15, 2015. Acceptance to the program will be granted on a first come, first served basis. Forms may also be sent via e-mail/PDF to [info@bostonstringacademy.org](mailto:info@bostonstringacademy.org) or by mail to:

Boston String Academy  
162 Boylston Street, Studio 69  
Boston, MA 02116

Here you can have a sneak peek of last year's Summer Academy:  
<https://youtu.be/jMCdQXbafwM>    <https://youtu.be/QRZxETTkrJw>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at your convenience. We look forward to two weeks of fabulous orchestral playing with wonderful talented young musicians.

Warm regards,

**Marielisa Alvarez, Mariesther Alvarez and Jorge Soto**  
*Directors of El Sistema Summer Academy*

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Dates:** Monday to Friday, August 3 - 14, 2015  
**Time:** 9:00am - 4:00pm  
**Ages:** 8 - 15 years  
**Cost:** Registration Fee: \$30  
Tuition Fee: \$500  
**Location:** Longy School of Music of Bard College  
27 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138  
**Final Concert:** August 14, Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall

**Requirements**

The Summer Academy will offer two ensembles, a Symphony Orchestra for the more advanced string, woodwind, brass, and percussion players; and a String Orchestra for string players with less experience. Students will be placed in the ensembles according to their level of proficiency on the instrument. In order to be eligible to participate in the Summer Academy, students must have accomplished the following minimum level of proficiency:

**• Strings:**

Successfully completed Suzuki Book 1 or equivalent. Students must be able to read music fluently in the keys of C major, D major, A major, G major.

**• Woodwinds:**

Scales: Concert C, G, D, and A, One-octave

Chromatic Scale: two-octaves starting on written C4; bassoon, C3; clarinets, G3

Minimum of three years in their instrument in an ensemble setting.

**• Brass:**

Scales: Concert C, G, D, and A, One-octave

Chromatic Scale: two-octaves starting on written G3 for trumpets; trombone, F2; tuba, C2; horn, F3

Minimum of three years in their instrument in an ensemble setting.

**• Percussion:**

Minimum of three years in their instrument in an ensemble setting.

**Transportation:** The Longy Campus is located two blocks from the Cambridge Common on Harvard Sq. It is accessible by the red line and bus service.

**Food:** Students are responsible for bringing a bagged lunch. Since we do not have refrigerator space, please include an ice pack if necessary. The Summer Academy will provide daily snacks and pizza lunch on Fridays.

**Supplies:** Students are responsible for bringing their own instruments. Music will be provided weeks prior to the start date.

**REGISTRATION FORM*****Student Information***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ T- Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
Music Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Orchestra/ private instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

***Contact Information***

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Allergy information: \_\_\_\_\_

***Emergency Contact***

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

***Payment Information***

Send Your Own Child - And Send Someone Else's Child. Tuition for El Sistema Summer Academy is \$500 per child. Not every family has the resources to pay this amount - please consider making an additional donation to help someone else's child have the same wonderful experience.

I would like to make an additional tax- deductible gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help another child attend El Sistema Summer Academy.

- Please enclose a check payable to "Boston String Academy."
- If you reside in the greater Boston area, would you be willing to host students from out of state or abroad?      Yes       No

Your help would be greatly appreciated as it would make it possible for many of these students to attend the Summer Academy.

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