

# Missouri String Project

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## Welcome to the Missouri String Project Open House!

**Your child's opportunity to try the instruments in the  
String Family--the violin, viola and cello.**

Has your child always wanted to play a string instrument? Always wanted to enjoy the benefits and camaraderie of being a musician? Are you both interested in exploring the link between musical study and the enhancement of physical and creative functions of the brain in youngsters? Does your child want to have fun making music? Then you have several great reasons for your child to join the MSP to learn to play and enjoy a string instrument! The MSP was founded at MU in 1973 and celebrates its 36<sup>th</sup> season this year. Our mission is simple: to enhance, through the study of music, all aspects of human learning; to build the physical and intellectual skills necessary to enjoy playing a string instrument; to allow young students to experience the satisfaction and camaraderie of making music with others; to provide hands-on experience and guidance for college student-teachers prior to becoming string teachers either in public schools or in private studios.

Through the Missouri String Project, students learn to play string instruments in group lessons and string orchestra, and continue their study through a second and third year in the program. Leslie Perna, Director of MSP and MU viola professor, gives guidance and instruction to MU Music Education and Performance majors, who serve as teachers. This year our dedicated, hard-working teachers promise an eventful and successful year!

*Since there is a limited enrollment in the Missouri String Project and in each instrumental class, students are not guaranteed acceptance into their first-choice instrumental class, or space on a desired class day. However, we make every effort to include all who are interested, on the instrument and day they choose.*

Group lessons meet every Monday **or** Wednesday from 4:10-5:00 in the Fine Arts Building, and String Orchestra meets every Friday from 5:10-6:00 in Loeb Hall. Fall semester's activities begin on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> with a group lesson class, and end with a public concert on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Exceptions follow the MU Fall calendar (see pg. 2 for all class dates). You will be notified of your acceptance into the program by Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, so you will have time to arrange for an instrument. Winter Semester lessons and orchestra will follow a similar schedule, and will be announced in December.

I will be happy to answer any of your questions or to provide more information. You can also visit our website at [music.missouri.edu/communityprograms](http://music.missouri.edu/communityprograms) to get information about the schedule, download forms and get other information. I look forward to working with you all!

Sincerely,

Leslie Perna, Director  
Missouri String Project

# Schedule for Group Lessons and String Orchestra Fall, 2009 -- 1st Year Students

## Classes Meet:

**Monday Classes (4:10-5:00) Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7**

**Wednesday Classes (4:10-5:00) Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9**

**Friday String Orchestra (5:10-6:00) Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, Dec. 4, 11**

**Location: All Group lessons take place in the Fine Arts Building.**

Violins meet in room 145 or 146, Violas meet in room 148, Cellos meet in room 134

**String Orchestra takes place in Loeb Hall, room 201 (see map)**

**\*Free parking is available behind the Fine Arts Annex (lot WC-6)  
on Monday and Wednesday, and beside Loeb Hall on Friday!\***

**Monday Classes & Wednesday classes meet from 4:10-5:00**

**Friday String Orchestra is from 5:10-6:00**

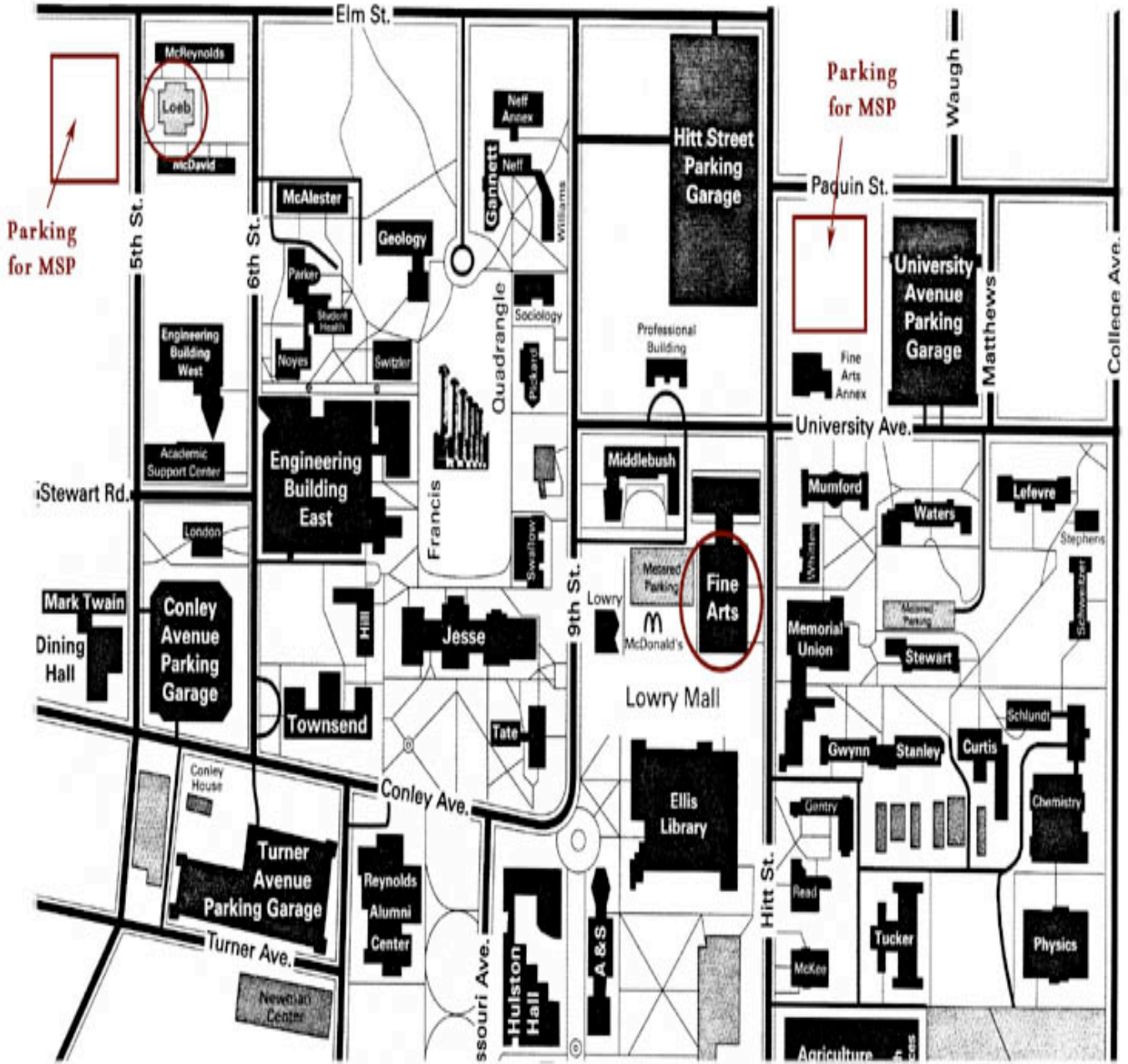
**The String Orchestra's Concert will be Sunday,  
December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in the Fine Arts Recital Hall**

## Supplies Needed:

- 1) Your own rented/purchased instrument. Renting an instrument for use in the MSP is the responsibility of each individual student and parent. You may rent/buy your instrument and music from whomever you choose. However, a representative from Instrumental Influence, a local music store, will be at the Open House for your convenience, and will be happy to service your rental/purchase needs at a competitive rate. You can even rent an instrument online, at **instrumentalinfluence.com**, and they will bring it to MU for you.
- 2) Lesson book "All For Strings," Method Book 1 & "All For Strings" Theory Book I (Both can be purchased from Instrumental Influence)
- 3) Music Stand, which can also be purchased from Instrumental Influence
- 4) Shoulder rest for violinists and violists, which can be purchased from the music store or through MSP.
- 5) Lesson notebook and pencil, for teacher assignments and note-taking
- 6) *Optional* – CD performance of Book I music for each instrument. This is highly recommended, as aural training is critical to the timely development of a learning musician. The set of 2 CD's, performed by MSP teachers, can be purchased through the MSP office for \$5.

**Fees: \$150 per semester\*, due the first Friday class**

\*We keep our costs very low, and are able to offer an outstanding fee. Students receive 1 group class and 1 orchestra class per week, plus the final concert and possible private lessons for this one low fee. The Missouri String Project is self-supporting, and this fee pays our hard-working teachers. Checks, made payable to the Missouri String Project, or cash are accepted. The MSP enrollment form and your payment will reserve a place for your child in the MSP. Therefore, this fee is **non-refundable**.



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<http://music.missouri.edu/MissouriStringProject/msp.html>

Please complete and present this information sheet to the string teacher who will work with your child. To enroll in the Missouri String Project, this form must be filled out and returned by Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Please leave this sheet with one of the teacher visited, or with the Director, or send back us via email, campus mail or regular mail. You will be notified of your class assignment (either Monday or Wednesday's group lesson) before the first group class meeting, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

_____		_____
Child's Name		Age
_____		_____
Home Address	City	Zip Code
_____		_____
Previous Musical Training (if any)		School
_____		_____
Name of Parent or Guardian		Grade in school
_____		_____
Phone Number-Home	Work	E-Mail Address

If you have a preference for a particular instrument, please check it below. If not, the examiners will determine which instrument would be best suited to you.

Violin

Viola

Cello

Which Group Lesson day do you prefer?

Monday

Wednesday

No Preference

Are you interested in being included in the carpooling list with other students in your session? We will create a list to assist you in getting your children to sessions on time.

Yes

No