

American String Teacher's Association of New Jersey
Chamber Music Institute 2008 at Kean University
Union, New Jersey
Session I: July 27-August 2, 2008
Session II: August 3 – August 9, 2008

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Kean University Hosts Fourth Annual ASTA/NJ Chamber Music Institute

Kean University in Union, NJ, will host the fourth annual American String Teacher's Association of New Jersey Chamber Music Institute (ASTA/NJ CMI). The event is held in two consecutive weeklong institutes. Session I runs from Sunday, July 27 through Saturday, August 2, 2008 and session II runs from Sunday, August 3 through Saturday, August 9, 2008. Students may attend one or both sessions. The public is invited to concerts presented by students and featured guest artists. For a comprehensive listing of ASTA/NJ CMI events, please visit www.astanj.com/chambermusic.php.

ASTA/NJ CMI at Kean University is a residential classical music camp focusing on chamber-music performance. Students in grades eight through twelve are assigned to work with a trio, quartet or quintet throughout the week. This year's event also features workshops in composition, improvisation and the Alexander Technique. ASTA/NJ CMI is open to students who play violin, viola, cello, double bass or classical guitar. Approximately 25-35 students participate per session in order to keep a low faculty-student ratio and a high level of personalized attention for every student. Admission to ASTA/NJ CMI is open and scholarships are available. Online application and more information is available at www.astanj.com/chambermusic.php.

In addition to providing a valuable and fun filled learning experience for students, ASTA/NJ CMI also offers many opportunities for the public to come and enjoy music of high caliber by both students and professionals. The Kean University Concert Artist Ensemble will perform on Sunday, July 27, at 7 p.m., Sunday, August 3 at 7:30pm, and will present a master class on August 7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m followed by a concert at 7:30pm; all concerts & master classes will be held in Kean Hall. Tickets \$15; \$10 for ASTA members and students. The Daedalus String Quartet (quartet-in residence of Lincoln Center Chamber Music 2 and Columbia University) will give a master class and concert on July 31, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Kean Hall. Tickets for the performances are \$15; \$10 for ASTA members and students, and may be purchased online at www.keanstage.com or by calling 908-737-SHOW (7469).

ASTA/NJ is one of New Jersey's premiere string education organizations whose goal is to promote excellence in string playing and teaching in the state of New Jersey. To learn more about ASTA/NJ, please visit www.astanj.com.