

May 2025

# WPMA Newsletter



William Pu Music Academy

## From the Academy

Spring 2025 may be over, but the music hasn't stopped at WPMA!

While the semester has come to a close, our students continue their musical journey with enthusiasm. Many are enrolled in summer private lessons, bootcamps, the AFA Summer Music Institute, or other enriching music camps.

In April, over 100 students took the stage at our WPMA Showcase, and as the semester ended, several students remained busy competing in chamber music competitions. Summer offers a unique opportunity—without the demands of school, students have more time to practice, explore new repertoire, and immerse themselves in musical activities.

We encourage everyone to keep making music a meaningful part of their summer routine.

### Communication with Administration

We prefer to communicate via email! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to us at [admin@wpmusicacademy.com](mailto:admin@wpmusicacademy.com)

## WPMA Updates and News

Stay connected and updated with all our academy news and events—join us on Facebook and Instagram today!



Leave a 5-star Google review and receive a WPMA tote bag! Simply send a screenshot of your review to [admin@wpmusicacademy.com](mailto:admin@wpmusicacademy.com)

## Emory Chamber Music Society

The Lawless Family Concert featured WPMA student chamber ensemble with Ellie Kim, Elsie Santoso, Fisher Yu, and Joshua Park and cellist, Ethan Goh.



## Upcoming Events

### 2025 Summer Bootcamps

William Pu/Amy Chang - Violin/ Viola (\$799)

Alpharetta Campus

June 9 - 13, 2025 9:00 AM - 3:00PM

Buford Campus

June 16 - 20, 2025 9:00 AM - 3:00PM

These camps are tailored for students looking to enhance their skills under the guidance of Mr. William Pu. Participants will receive personalized instruction, engage in group sessions, A minimum of two years of instrumental experience is required. Students must bring their own lunch each day.

Please email [admin@wpmusicacademy.com](mailto:admin@wpmusicacademy.com) to register.

**A FEW SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR BUFORD CAMPUS**

### 2025 AFA Summer Music Institute

Register for the 2025 Summer Music Program now! This is a two-week immersive experience for passionate young musicians looking to grow, connect, and shine!

This year's Summer Institute promises to be an exciting experience, featuring the esteemed conductor Maestro Henry Cheng and a special collaboration with the winner of the AFA Young Artist Competition.

The program will focus on orchestral repertoire, including performances of K-Pop Classics, and will culminate in a concert featuring the Young Artist Competition winner.

Participants will also benefit from masterclasses and a "Music as a Career" seminar led by renowned clarinetist Ms. Seunghee Lee.

- Dates: July 21 to August 2, 2025
- Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Monday – Friday)
- Location: Johns Creek United Methodist Church,
- Tuition: \$1490 (WPMA Students: \$1290)

Visit [Atlantafestivalacademy.org](http://Atlantafestivalacademy.org) to register



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## 2025 WPMA Showcase

The 2025 WPMA Showcase featured over 100 individual performers throughout the day, celebrating an incredible range of talent. Highlights included orchestral performances by the Atlanta Festival Symphony Orchestra and Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, showcasing WPMA student soloists. The day concluded with a finale performance by WPMA faculty and distinguished alumni.



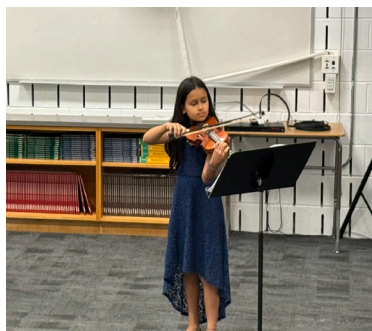
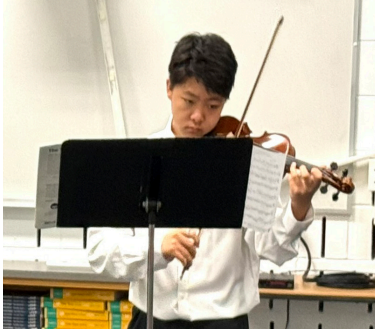


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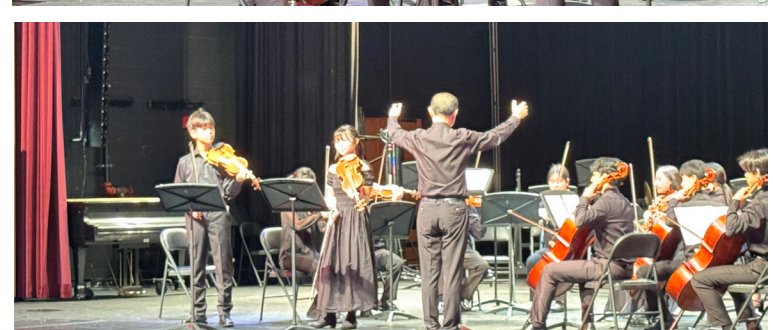


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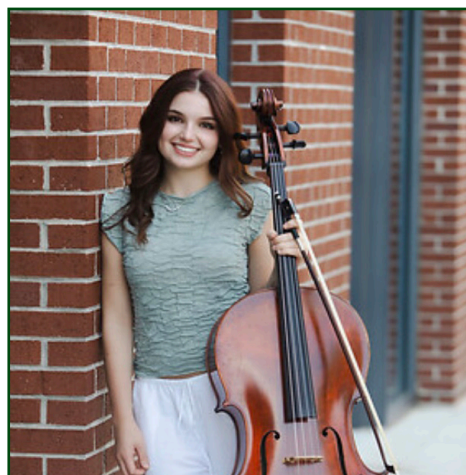
## 2025 Graduating Seniors



**Chloe Sun (Viola/Violin)**  
*Student of Amy Chang*

Chloe Sun, a dedicated viola student of Ms. Amy Chang and former violin student of Mr. William Pu, will be joining the University of Pennsylvania this fall at the Wharton School.

Chloe has been part of WPMA since 6th grade, when she moved from Florida to Atlanta. Thanks to the training and support she received at WPMA, Chloe was selected for All-State every year throughout middle and high school. She has also been an active member of the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra (ASYO) since 8th grade—performing for three years on violin and two years on viola. In addition, she has been a committed chamber music participant. Chloe plans to continue her musical journey by joining the University of Pennsylvania Orchestra during college.



**Katherine Lamback (Cello)**  
*Student of Yuliya Kim*

Katherine Lamback is graduating from Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Sandy Springs and will be attending the University of Georgia in the fall. She began playing the cello at the age of five and has since been a part of the Franklin Pond Chamber Music program, a six-time member of the GMEA All-State Orchestra, played in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony and Emory Youth Symphony, and has attended summer institutes at Suwannee University of the South and Florida State University. In addition to her instrumental pursuits, she is active in her church youth choir and handbell ensemble. She is currently planning a double major at UGA in cello performance and psychology. Go Dawgs!



**Amelie Grakoui (Violin)**  
*Student of William Pu*

Amelie Grakoui has been a violin student of Mr. Pu since 2019 and has enjoyed participating in every AFA summer program since then. She is graduating with a bilingual IB diploma from the Atlanta International School where she held leadership positions in orchestra, MUN, La Amistad, and the student ambassador program. In 2022, she started the Atlanta Music Foundation ([www.atlantamusicfoundation.org](http://www.atlantamusicfoundation.org)) to bring attention to the importance of music education and to provide string instruments to students in need. Her foundation recently donated funds to assist with tuition for musicians attending the 2025 AFA Summer Music Institute and she is looking forward to continuing these music education outreach efforts while in college. Amelie will be attending Duke University in the fall where she plans to study public policy, economics and linguistics. She will miss her WPMA friends and mentors, but she hopes to visit in the summers!



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## WPMA Students winning Chamber Competition

Eight talented WPMA students were integral members of the winning chamber ensembles at the 2025 Franklin Pond Chamber Music Competition. Their dedication and musical excellence contributed to this remarkable achievement.

### Strelitzia Trio – 1st Prize, High School Division

Featuring WPMA violin student:

**Lucas Liu (Violin)**

### Dolce Vita String Quartet – 2nd Prize, High School Division & Founders Quartet Prize

Featuring WPMA students:

**Ellie Kim (Violin I)**

**Elsye Santoso (Violin II)**

**Fisher Yu (Viola)**

**Joshua Park (Cello)**

### Lotus Quartet – 3rd Prize, High School Division

Featuring WPMA students:

**Ethan Goh (Cello)**

### Chrysanthemum Trio – School Award

Featuring WPMA student:

**Ethan Nie (Cello)**

### Bambus Trio – 1st Prize, Middle School Division

Featuring WPMA student:

**Shawn Ji (Cello)**





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ATLANTA FESTIVAL ACADEMY

# AFA SUMMER MUSIC INSTITUTE

OPEN TO  
AGE: 10-23

**JULY 21 - AUGUST 2 . 2025**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**INSTRUMENT: STRINGS & WOODWINDS**

**FINALE CONCERT**

**AUGUST 2, 2025 3:00PM**

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