

# NSO Summer Music Institute

A **SCHOLARSHIP** summer program for outstanding high school and college student instrumentalists

**July 1-29, 2019 | Ages 15-20**

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## What should I expect at the Summer Music Institute?

### The Program

SMI is a pre-professional intensive for dedicated high school and college student instrumentalists interested in pursuing a career as a 21st century musician. Throughout the four weeks of SMI, students will receive private lessons, participate in chamber ensembles, and perform as a full orchestra conducted by Abel Pereira. Enrichment courses, master classes, and seminars on a variety of topics led by NSO musicians and other professionals in the business will prepare students for the realities and expectations of a career as a professional musician. In past years, courses and workshops have included String Ensemble Skills, Eurhythmics, Resume Writing, Public Speaking, Mock Auditions, Posture and Form, Community Engagement and Education, and Repertoire. SMI students will attend Kennedy Center and NSO performances and observe NSO rehearsals. Students are held to a high standard of professionalism and are supported by caring staff throughout the process.

### Performances

SMI provides three main performance opportunities: two full orchestra concerts in the Concert Hall and chamber recitals featuring each SMI chamber ensemble. All performances are free to the public. There may be additional chamber performance opportunities in the community.

### Concerto Competition

The SMI Concerto Competition is open to all full participants. From the closed preliminary round, a select number of students will advance to the finals to perform in a recital for their SMI colleagues. The panel composed of the SMI conductor and NSO musicians will choose the winner to perform as soloist with the SMI orchestra at the final concert. Repertoire for the competition must be for full orchestra and must be a piece readily available to be purchased or rented.

## Where do I stay during the Summer Music Institute?

Students will live in hotels within walking distance of the Kennedy Center in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood of Washington, D.C. under the supervision and musical mentorship of Resident Assistants (RAs). Hotels are equipped with furnished kitchens so that students can store food and make meals on their own.

Full and partial need-based scholarships are available. See Kennedy-Center.org/smi for information and the application.

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Every summer, approximately 60 students (ages 15-20) from all over the United States, as well as a number of other countries, meet in Washington, D.C. at the Kennedy Center to attend the National Symphony Orchestra's Summer Music Institute (SMI). The program is designed to expose and prepare students for a 21st century music career while giving them direct access to National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) musicians through private lessons, coachings, side-by-side rehearsals and more!

SMI faculty includes all principal musicians of the National Symphony. The SMI Orchestra is conducted by NSO Principal Horn, Abel Pereira.

“SMI has taught me to believe not only in my violin playing, but also in myself.”  
Aaron Greene, violin, SMI 2018





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### Application

The following materials are required for the online application:

- Orchestral excerpts for instruments
- Solo piece
- One recommendation letter
- Musical résumé

Please visit our website for detailed information and the online application: [Kennedy-Center.org/smi](http://Kennedy-Center.org/smi)

### Orchestral Excerpts and Solo Recordings

All recordings must be video. No exceptions.

Orchestral excerpts can be recorded in one take or individually; please visit our website for the required excerpts.

A prepared solo must not exceed 20 minutes and include contrasting musical elements (fast/slow, dynamics, etc.) Solo may be with or without piano.

### Travel & Stipend Scholarships

SMI is a scholarship program that includes private lessons and chamber coachings with NSO musicians, orchestra conducted by Abel Pereira, master classes and seminars, side-by-side rehearsals with the NSO, performance opportunities, and attendance at NSO performances. Housing is provided for free.

Not included is travel to/from the Institute and a food stipend. Should you need financial assistance, please visit the website to access and complete the required application due by January 22.

### Orchestra Program for Local Participants

Students living in the greater Washington, D.C. metro area, who may not be available for the full-four week program, can opt for orchestra **only** participation in the Summer Music Institute. To learn more about this opportunity, please visit the website.

For more information: [Kennedy-Center.org/smi](http://Kennedy-Center.org/smi) | [nsosmi@kennedy-center.org](mailto:nsosmi@kennedy-center.org) | (202) 416-8827



SMI Orchestra conducted by NSO Principal Horn, Abel Pereira

### Questions about accessibility or accommodations?

Contact the Office of Accessibility directly at:  
(202) 416-8727 (voice)  
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