

# **University of Wyoming String Project**

The University of Wyoming String Project is a program designed to teach beginning string students and develop future string teachers. Children begin studying violin, viola and cello in the third and fourth grade. First and second year students attend two fifty-minute classes per week. In the third year and beyond students receive a weekly thirty-minute private lesson and play in an ensemble. Tuition is kept very low to allow participation regardless of income.

String Project classes and lessons are taught by UW music students under the close supervision of a master teacher. Master teachers and faculty meet weekly to plan classes, prepare and select material, discuss pedagogy, plan and coordinate classes and performances and to critique teaching. String Project faculty teach up to six hours per week and receive a stipend for their work.

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## **Mission of the UW String Project**

- To attract high caliber string players into the teaching profession, helping to address the shortage of public school string teachers
- To provide training and experience for future string teachers, raising the level of beginning teachers and improving their success in the profession
- To provide high quality instruction to young students from beginning levels
- To provide young students with an experience in the arts which will enhance their education and personal development
- To develop and explore new, effective teaching methods, materials and models for string teachers using String Project classes as a laboratory
- To support and enhance public school string programs already in existence

## **UW String Project on the Web**

[http://www.uwyo.edu/music/string\\_project/index.html](http://www.uwyo.edu/music/string_project/index.html)