



Chamber Music Intensive - Winter/Spring 2026

WCYO is excited to offer the Charles Ives Music Festival **Chamber Music Intensive (CMI) for the Winter/Spring 2026** under the direction of CIMF Artistic Director Paul Frucht. CMI is an advanced education and performance program open to WCYO Symphony Orchestra musicians and CIMF summer program participants by invitation and at the recommendation of Paul Frucht and/or WCYO Music Director Eric Mahl.

Rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning on January 11, 2026 (see full schedule below). Supervised, student-led rehearsals will begin with a brief orientation and student and parent meeting at the first rehearsal on January 11th. The student-led rehearsals will be supplemented throughout the 10-week program with professional coaching. The program will culminate in a participant concert performance on Sunday, March 29th, at which students will perform the chamber repertoire they have worked on during the program.

All invited musicians and parents should review all the dates for the program and, if able to commit to participate send an email to cimf@wctyo.org by **Monday, October 13, 2025** to confirm participation.

Program participants will:

- Be notified of group placement and repertoire by early-November
- Attend 10 rehearsals (see full schedule below)
- Perform in the finale concert on Sunday, March 29th
- Receive chamber music coachings led by CIMF Artist-Faculty and guest artists
- Attend the concert with Ji Su Jung and Russell Fisher on Sunday, February 8th free of charge (details TBA)

Attendance Expectations:

Students are expected to attend **ALL** scheduled rehearsals as a commitment to the other musicians in their group. Exceptions will be made under two conditions:

1. A student is feeling unwell and unable to attend due to illness
2. A student has a conflict with a maximum of ONE rehearsal date and has informed CIMF of the conflict via email in advance of start of the program

TUITION: \$400 - due by November 15, 2025

CMI 2026 Winter/Spring Schedule

All SUNDAYS unless noted otherwise. Rehearsal and concert location is the First Congregational Church of Ridgefield (103 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT).

January 11	2:30-5:00 PM - 2:30 PM <i>brief participant & parent meeting</i>	Rehearsal
January 18	2:30-5:00 PM	Rehearsal
January 25	2:30-5:00 PM	Rehearsal
February 1	2:30-5:00 PM	Rehearsal
February 8	2:30-4:00 PM 4:00-5:30 PM	Rehearsal Concert with Ji Su Jung & Russell Fisher
February 15	NO REHEARSAL	President's Day Holiday/Winter Break
February 22	2:30-5:00 PM	Rehearsal
March 1	2:30-5:00 PM	Rehearsal
March 8	NO REHEARSAL	WCYO Concert Day
March 15	2:30-5:00 PM	Rehearsal
March 22	2:30-5:00 PM	Rehearsal
March 29 March 29	2:30-5:00 PM 5:00 PM	Dress Rehearsal Finale Concert