

Meet the Director of Musical Minds

Ray Daniels, Musical Minds director and conductor, is a Phillips Academy music instructor and wind ensemble director. He is also the music director of the Fall River (Mass.) Symphony Orchestra, cover conductor of the Boston Pops, professor at Berklee College of Music, and lecturer and wind ensemble director at Tufts University.

In 2017, Daniels was invited to conduct the Rhode Island Music Educators Association's Junior All-State Orchestra. Boston-area guest conducting appointments

include the Melrose Symphony Orchestra, Boston New Music Initiative, and Quincy Symphony Orchestra.

Daniels has worked with Germany's Berlin Sinfonietta and the Czech Republic's Bohuslav Martinů Philharmonic Orchestra. He is the former music director of the Bentley University Chamber Orchestra.

Guided by the belief that music is "common ground" that bridges differences of humanity, Daniels is particularly interested in engaging young and new audiences.



Scan the QR code to apply, or learn more at www.andover.edu/summer.

If you have any questions about Musical Minds, please email Ray Daniels at rdaniels@andover.edu.

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Musical Minds

June 30–August 2, 2026

An intensive five-week music and academic program, Musical Minds introduces talented, motivated young musicians to the robust experience of "living and learning" with like-minded peers.

Musical Minds, now in its second summer, will focus on 28 rising 7th and 8th grade string musicians (violin, viola, cello, bass) who have significant talent, training, and motivation.

Those students accepted to Musical Minds through our partner organizations will receive a **full scholarship**.

Application deadline: January 15, 2026



A Unique Music-Academic Experience

Musical Minds—Summer Session's newest Lower School Institute offering—will be headquartered in the state-of-the-art Falls Music Center. Geared toward students who have displayed a high level of proficiency on their instrument and shown strong academic achievement, the program includes:

- ◆ Daily advanced music instruction (individual and/or group)
- ◆ Classes in music theory, ear training, and music technology as well as chamber ensemble and string orchestra
- ◆ Exciting field trips to musical and cultural destinations in the Boston area
- ◆ Age-appropriate dorm living and activities that help young students develop self-confidence and independence
- ◆ Specialized high school application support for students interested in finding a campus community that can nurture both their musical and academic talents



Learning, Friends, and Plenty of Fun

Students selected for Musical Minds will enjoy their own custom programming designed to advance their musical skills. And as part of Andover's Summer Session, they will have a fantastic opportunity to share their love of music with new friends from across the country and around the world.

Students will live in dormitories with their peers, enjoy daily meals at an excellent dining facility, and take part in a wide range of activities and outdoor fun—all guided by a community of trained and caring adults.

Musical Minds takes place on the beautiful campus of Phillips Academy, a renowned private high school located in Andover, Massachusetts.



Learn more—and apply—at www.andover.edu/summer!

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TALENTED STRING MUSICIANS!

Musical Minds—Summer Session’s newest Lower School Institute—is offering an exciting five-week music and academic program created specifically for young string musicians **entering 7th or 8th grade in the fall** who have significant talent and training on violin, viola, cello, or bass.

Nearly 30 accepted instrumentalists will enjoy the awesome experience of living and learning on the beautiful campus of Phillips Academy, located in Andover, Massachusetts.

***Current 6th and 7th graders must
APPLY by JANUARY 15, 2026***

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- ◆ Daily advanced music instruction
- ◆ Classes in music theory, ear training, and technology
- ◆ Exciting chamber music and orchestra performance opportunities on and off campus
- ◆ Fully supervised dorm living and social activities with new friends
- ◆ Amazing musical and cultural field trips in the Boston area



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