

Certificate Program for Strings (CPS) Workshop
Saturday, August 30, 10 AM to 4 PM (\$40, lunch included)
Madison, NJ

This workshop is designed for teachers who

- Are interested in sending students to the CPS,
- Want to utilize the CPS more effectively,
- Would like to examine for the CPS, or who
- Need new teaching repertoire ideas.

The Certificate Program for Strings offers eleven levels of graded curriculum and periodic performance examinations—from elementary through the standard concerto repertoire—for violin, viola, cello, and bass. Completion of each level is recognized through the awarding of an ASTA Certificate of Achievement, accompanied by examiner comments. These examinations are not competitive; they are meant to enhance and reinforce the efforts of all students, motivating them to persevere and even excel in their instrumental studies. This program is fully compatible with both traditional and Suzuki teaching methods.

Topics to be covered:

- Student preparation
 - Setting levels
 - Choosing repertoire
 - Memorizing
 - Preparation timeline
- Scales
 - Source material and study techniques
 - 1, 2, and 3-octave scales and arpeggios
 - Double-stopped scales
 - Chromatic scales
 - Modulating arpeggios
- Etudes
- Sight-reading
- New Frontiers
 - Advancing into upper-level repertoire
 - Ideas for second and third pieces
- What CPS examiners look for when examining