

Michigan West Bass Fest 2015
(in association with the Michigan East Bass Fest)
Saturday, May 2, 2015
Orchestra Room
North Pointe Christian High School



Dear String Bass Student:

Welcome to the Michigan West Bass Fest, the next generation bass workshop. At the Michigan Bass Fest young bassists will have a unique opportunity to get together with other young bass players, play ensembles, get instruction from nationally recognized bass teachers and performers, and hear some outstanding bass playing. The Michigan West Bass Fest is sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the American String Teachers Association, and will be hosted by the Music Department of North Pointe Christian High School. This is your invitation to join us!

BASS FEST CLINICIANS

Michael Hovnanian: Assistant Principal bassist of the Grand Rapids Symphony, also an active double bass educator, serving on faculty at Grand Valley State University and Calvin College as well as instructing a private studio.

John Kennedy: String teacher and orchestra director for the Farmington Public Schools. He is a frequent clinician at bass workshops around the country. He is also the Past President of the International Society of Bassists.

Maggie Hasspacher: Special guest clinician. Maggie is a bassist and vocalist. She is a DMA student at U-Mich, studied in Vienna, and has released a solo singer/songwriter album *We Shall Overcome*. She has also sung on soundtracks for the History Channel and PBS. At the workshop Maggie will give us a special performance of her unique style of singing while playing.

Workshop information can be found at www.astamichigan.org.

Workshop fee: \$50.00. Checks should be payable to MASTA (Michigan unit of the American String Teachers Association) and mailed with the attached application form to: Michigan West Bass Fest, 221 John St NE, Apt 3, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

We hope you will join us for a daylong celebration of our noble instrument. If you have any questions regarding the workshop, my contact info is below. I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

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