

**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

**Derek Weller:** Professor of Bass at Eastern Michigan University. He is the Principal Bassist of the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra. He teaches at the Interlochen Arts Academy and also performs with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra and the Carmel California Bach Festival.

**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](http://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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