

BassFest-East 2018

(Formally the Troy Bass Workshop)

Saturday, February 10, 2018

North Farmington High School



Dear String Bass Student:

Welcome to the Michigan BassFest-East 2018. At the Michigan BassFest you will have a unique opportunity to get together with other young bass players, play ensembles together, get instruction from nationally recognized bass teachers and performers, and hear some outstanding bass playing. The Michigan BassFest-East 2018 is sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the American String Teachers Association, and will be hosted by myself and John Kennedy, the Orchestra Director at North Farmington High School, . This is your invitation to join in on the fun!

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Chris Hamlen: Will be our special quest clinician. Chris just joined the bass section of the Detroit Symphony this last fall. He was formally the Principal Bassist with the Grand Rapids Symphony.

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: Past President of the International Society of Bassists, and was director of ISB young bassist program from 2000-2010. He is a frequent clinician at workshops for young bassists around the country, and is deeply involved in developing new materials to teach the young student. As well as an active performer and bass teacher, John teaches orchestra at North Farmington High School and Warner Middle School, and conducts the Oakland Youth Orchestra String Orchestra.

Workshop information and registration form can be found at www.astamichigan.org, under EVENTS.

Workshop fee: \$50.00 Early Bird (if received before 1/20/17), \$60.00 (if received after 1/20/17). Checks should be payable to M.A.S.T.A. (Michigan unit of the American String Teachers Association), and mailed to: Michigan BassFest- East, 24446 Lakeland St., Farmington Hills, MI 48336

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

Sincerely,

Larry Hutchinson, Detroit Symphony Bassist (Retired), 2001 MASTA String Teacher of the Year
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