

LAKES AREA MUSIC FESTIVAL

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Lakes Area Music Festival Invites Young Explorers to a Week of Music, Creativity, and Fun

Brainerd, MN (May 28, 2025) – The Lakes Area Music Festival (LAMF) invites students entering grades one through five to join Explore Music!, a weeklong day camp designed to spark imagination, build confidence, and ignite a lifelong love for the arts. The camp will take place August 4–8, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Forestview Middle School in Baxter, MN.

Each day, campers will move, sing, dance, drum, and create with LAMF’s team of Teaching Artists—professional musicians and educators from across the country. With engaging sessions in drumming, improvisation, theater, vocal music, visual arts, and conducting, students will explore a broad range of musical experiences while having fun with new friends.

“Our goal is to empower kids to explore music in a way that feels joyful, adventurous, and totally accessible,” said Scott Lykins, LAMF Executive and Artistic Director. “This is about more than just learning notes—it’s about unlocking creativity and helping each child find their voice.”

Explore Music! is part of a full week of family-friendly programming presented by LAMF:

- **Saturday, August 2:** A free Sound Garden event at the Northland Arboretum, featuring interactive music exploration.
- **Sunday, August 3:** The family concert “Magical Keys” at the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts, spotlighting a pianist magician.
- **August 9–10:** Camp participants and their families are invited to attend LAMF’s fully staged opera performances, which are included in the camp curriculum.

Cost for the weeklong program is \$105, which includes snacks, supplies, and a commemorative camp t-shirt. Registration is now open through Brainerd Community Education and is expected to fill quickly. Families are encouraged to register by July 1 to secure a spot.

Thanks to a generous supporter, need-based scholarships are available. Request assistance at the time of registration to ensure every child can participate.

Register at lakesareamusic.org/explore-music.

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About the Lakes Area Music Festival

The Lakes Area Music Festival is Minnesota’s summer home for world-class opera, orchestra, and chamber music. Celebrating its 17th anniversary season, more than 200 artists from the nation’s top orchestras and opera

companies will present 60 concert, education, and community outreach activities this July and August. Founded in 2009, the Lakes Area Music Festival sparks connections between its central Minnesota community and the nation's top classical performers to create transformative musical experiences. The Lakes Area Music Festival is a 501c3 non-profit based in Brainerd, MN. To find out more visit lakesareamusic.org or call 218-ASK-LAMF (218-275-5263).