



# Kinhaven is . . .

A series of chamber and orchestral music programs located on a 31-acre campus in the mountains of Weston, VT. Kinhaven students thrive in an ideal balance of rigorous musical instruction and time for recreation and relaxation, in a highly collaborative, supportive, and welcoming social environment – without technology. Glorious musicmaking opportunities abound through weekly performances in a unique natural setting where lifelong friendships are made. Faculty reside on campus during all Kinhaven sessions, and our community comes together at mealtimes to share delicious food prepared on the premises.

Since 1952, Kinhaven's spirit and special community inspire each student and often leads to spontaneous music making, singing, and chamber music reading sessions across its serene campus. The afternoons lend themselves nicely to an assortment of non-musical activities, but can also serve as additional self-directed practice time for those who wish to do so. Robust arts and activities programs include options to engage in pottery and art, folk dancing, a swimming pond, hiking and other field trips, and walks to the town center. With rich programs and cherished traditions, students form lifelong friendships at Kinhaven, and many return year after year.



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Kinhaven's founders sought to establish a community that would be rooted in mutual support, friendship, and diversity. These core values are now enshrined in our mission statement, along with a commitment to collaborative, noncompetitive music-making. Today, students come to Kinhaven and find acceptance and self-realization.

## Our Programs

**SENIOR SESSION:** Up to 95 high-school aged musicians are selected based on audition to attend our Senior Session for six weeks of chamber music, orchestra, and group and individual instruction, culminating in weekly public performances on campus and in the surrounding community. The experience is one of shared learning and mutual support, led by a faculty of world-class professional musicians who specialize in working with talented young people.

**JUNIOR SESSION:** Up to 80 middle school-aged musicians are selected based on audition to attend the Junior Session, but once admitted, the competition ends. For two weeks, a dedicated faculty of professional musicians will match students with chamber groups and orchestral repertoire that challenges and delights them, culminating in weekly public performances. Individual private instruction is also provided.

**YOUNG ARTIST SEMINAR:** For collegiate and pre-professional musicians, the Young Artist Seminar provides an opportunity for intensive study of a specific chamber work. Guided by a faculty of professional musicians, each ensemble studies a single work during the week-long program which culminates in a series of performances in the communities of Southern Vermont.

**ADULT CHAMBER MUSIC WORKSHOP:** Open to string, wind, and piano players who are college age or older, including amateur adult musicians, the Adult Chamber Music Workshop emphasizes supportive music making among players of all levels and experience. During the week-long program, participants will have the opportunity to play in two ensemble groups, and repertoire is provided in advance for an optimal music making experience.

**ADULT PIANO WORKSHOP:** Focusing on four-hand piano repertoire, participants will be paired together and four-hand repertoire can be selected by each team or assigned by the faculty. During the week-long workshop, each four-hand duo will receive three coachings, group and private Alexander Technique sessions, and sightreading sessions with the faculty, culminating in a performance on campus. Pre-existing four-hand teams are welcome.

**SEMESTER PROGRAM:** Kinhaven is proud to offer a new, innovative semester program – in collaboration with **Burr and Burton Academy** – for high school students. Each fall semester, up to 16 students will gather at Kinhaven to live, perform, and immerse themselves in study with each other and our professional faculty. The Semester Program runs for just short of four months, and consists of academic courses in the mornings, followed by intensive chamber music coachings, lessons, and masterclasses during the afternoons and evenings on campus at Kinhaven.

NEW  
PROGRAM





**Our programs offer challenging and intensive classical music experiences, emphasizing the study and performance of chamber music and orchestral repertoire. Our faculty handle each student's musical development with tremendous care, and their painstaking consideration of every assignment has become one of the defining hallmarks of Kinhaven.**

MUSIC



**We believe that, when students immerse themselves in their shared passion of music making at the highest levels in chamber ensembles, orchestra, choir, and the beautiful natural surroundings of Vermont – without technology – their entire lives can be transformed.**

IMMERSION



“Our dream was that children of similar musical interests, removed from the compromises and conflicts undermining their gifts, can actually **live with music** and greatly profit thereby.”

– Kinhaven Founders David and Dorothy Dushkin

