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NEWS RELEASE

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON'S STRING PROJECT TRAINS MUSIC TEACHERS WHILE OFFERING CHILDREN AFFORDABLE MUSIC LESSONS

DAYTON, Ohio — The University of Dayton's String Project is a learning experience for both students and teachers.

The project, part of a nationwide effort supported by the American String Teachers Association, is designed to counter a shortage of string teachers while ramping up young people's interest in playing string instruments. UD's String Project is one of 26 nationwide.

Students in third through seventh grades attend 50-minute classes twice a week on UD's campus and are taught to play string instruments such as the violin, viola, cello and bass by master teacher Lois Ramey. Three to five UD student teachers work with Ramey during classes.

"The students learn not only to play — they learn music history and music theory," said UD music professor Jeffrey Schoyen, who coordinates the University's String Project. "The kids get really excited about it."

Three classes, all held on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Music/Theatre Building on UD's campus, are offered. A class for beginners and one for third-year students are held from 4:30-5:20 p.m., and a class for second-year students is held from 5:30-6:20 p.m.

Classes cost \$75 per semester. Spaces are still available for the current session. Call Schoyen at (937) 229-1556 to register.

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