



## MGS Chamber Ensemble Residency 2025

For the purposes of the Resident Ensemble program, MGS uses the Oxford Language definition of chamber music: instrumental music played by a small ensemble, with one player to a part.

**The MGS (Music for a Great Space) Chamber Ensemble Residency** is designed to provide performance opportunities and mentorship for an up-and-coming ensemble interested in chamber music as it was, is, and can be. What is chamber music? Who is chamber music? And why? These are the conversations MGS is inviting the Resident Ensemble to contribute to as performing artists in both community and education settings, by:

- Developing dynamic musical programs and accompanying informational content with the guidance of a mentor ensemble.
- Co-creating and implementing a multi-week music education plan with (GCS) Guilford County Schools teachers and mentor ensemble.
- Performing for K-12 audiences and diverse communities. The minimum total of the residency will include 3 public performances of approximately 90 minutes.

### **What to expect from the residency program:**

Through an interview process, MGS will select an ensemble to participate in the residency.

Ensemble will research, create, and perform programs. In-person work will include working with students in GCS schools and performances in community settings throughout the Greensboro area.

The resident ensemble will have the opportunity to work with a mentor ensemble at the beginning of the residency, with a specific focus on programming and designing educational presentations. The ensemble will then perform as part of MGS programming with all marketing and concert operations provided.

The ensemble will receive a stipend during the residency, the minimum of which will be a total of \$3000 divided evenly into monthly payments. The full scope of funding and performances will be solidified after the interview/audition process. The amount of the funding is not related to the

size of the ensemble, or timeline, but based on the number of services involved in the residency.

MGS can provide rehearsal space if necessary.

### **Residency dates and deadlines:**

Call for Applications opens - October 11, 2024

Deadline for Applications - November 4, 2024 (Incomplete applications will not be considered)

Interviews - Nov 11-22, 2024

Rehearsal, mentor sessions, and planning process - January 2025

### **Resident Ensemble Eligibility:**

- Ensembles should demonstrate a commitment to the exploration of the definition of chamber music, moving forward MGS's commitment to diversifying and expanding audiences and musical styles being presented. Ensembles should also demonstrate a commitment to music education and effectively engaging students in multiple genres of music.
- Ensembles should consist of at least two members and instrumentation that is transportable to various spaces. No instruments or instrument-related equipment will be provided by MGS for performances or education presentations.
- Scheduling of education events will be as flexible as possible around other commitments, but the number of performances agreed upon at the beginning of the residency must be completed within the timeline in order to receive full payment.
- Ensembles will be responsible for transportation to and from events. Additional support for travel related expenses can potentially be negotiated.

**Required Application Materials:** (to be emailed to [education@musicforagreatspace.org](mailto:education@musicforagreatspace.org) by end of day Nov 4, 2024)

- A full resume/vitae for each member of the ensemble
- A link or file of an approximately 10 minute video of the ensemble performing where all performers are clearly visible (professional video not required.)
- Artist Statement (The ensemble should submit one artist statement.)

[What is an artist statement?](#)

[Resource 1](#) [Resource 2](#)

- Answers to the following questions in a 1-2 paragraph response: (The ensemble should

submit one set of answers).

1. What does diversity in chamber music mean to you?
2. Do you have other commitments that will need to be accommodated during the timeline of this residency?

Any questions about residency or application process can be addressed to [education@musicforagreatspace.org](mailto:education@musicforagreatspace.org).