

Need Based Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are available on a first-come-first-serve basis to cover the \$20 registration fee. Please check the appropriate box on your registration form, and include a signed letter from your parents stating financial need.

Location

ViolaFest takes place at Santa Monica High School, 601 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90405.



Pamela Goldsmith, of Los Angeles, attended UCLA, Mannes College of Music, and earned her DMA at Stanford University, studying viola with Paul Doktor, William Kroll, and William Primrose. She is presently on the faculty of the University of Southern California. She has been a member of the American Symphony Orchestra (Stokowski), Casals Festival Orchestra, the Lincoln Center Chamber Orchestra, and was principal viola of the Cabrillo Music Festival. Pamela is an emeritus winner of the 'Most Valuable Player' award from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. Her viola playing has been heard on countless records, films, and television shows. She also plays the viola d'amore. She was both Vice President and Secretary of the American Viola Society, and presently serves as Secretary of the International Viola Society.



The renowned violist Paul Coletti is a versatile musician who has played over 1500 concerts all over the world, is a published composer and a professor of viola. His primary studies were at the International Menuhin Music Academy in Switzerland with Alberto Lysy, Yehudi Menuhin and Sandor Vegh. Since the 80s, as a soloist and chamber musician, Mr. Coletti has performed in Asia, Europe, Australia, North and South America, in venues such as the Sydney Opera House, Berlin Philharmonic Hall, Suntory Hall in Tokyo, Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, and San Miniato al Monte in Florence. Mr. Coletti has made over 30 award-winning CDs, DVDs and videotapes. Currently he teaches at the Colburn Conservatory.



Paul Seiko Chihara, a Seattle native, is widely hailed as a leading American composer and is currently on the faculty at UCLA. Professor Chihara earned his DMA from Cornell University as a student of Robert Palmer. Chihara's prize-winning concert works have been performed in most major cities and arts centers in the U.S. and Europe and commissions include the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the London Symphony Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the New Japan Philharmonic, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony, the New Juilliard Ensemble, and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. He has been composer-in-residence at Marlboro, the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and the Manicini Institute. In addition to his many concert works, Professor Chihara has composed scores for over 100 motion pictures and television series and for the theaters in New York. Chihara's works have been widely recorded. He has received awards from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Fulbright Fellowship.

ViolaFest 2008 Los Angeles

April 12, 2008
Santa Monica
High School

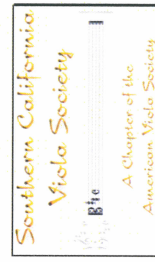
"Bach to Basics"

Paul Coletti &
Pamela Goldsmith
Guest Violists

Paul Chihara
World Premiere



Hosted by the Southern
California Viola Society and
Santa Monica High School.
Sponsored by the American
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Greater Los Angeles and the
American Viola Society.



VIOLAFEST OVERVIEW

Join us for ViolaFest Los Angeles on April 12, 2008 hosted by Santa Monica High School and the Southern California Viola Society. This fun and educational event, geared for students, is a day devoted to the viola. Highlights of the day include a performance by Colburn Conservatory professor Paul Coletti, a masterclass by USC professor Pamela Goldsmith, a world premiere by UCLA composition professor Paul Chihara performed by all ViolaFest participants, classes to sharpen skills, and chances to hear and perform works for multiple violas. Come to play new music, gain more skills, build camaraderie, meet new friends, and be inspired in a unique and supportive community of violists and friends.

Student registration is open to students in fourth through twelfth grades who play the viola. A \$20 student registration fee includes a free ViolaFest t-shirt, participation in all events, sheet music and two free tickets to the Gala Concert. The Gala Concert is open to the public and additional tickets can be purchased for \$5 at the door. Auditor registration is \$10 and is open to any adult educator, teacher, musician, or parent who wishes to participate as an observer.



VIOLAFEST SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00	REGISTRATION
9:00-9:45	SPECIAL TOPICS CLASS I
10:00-10:45	SPECIAL TOPICS CLASS II
11:00-12:00	VIOLA ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL
12:00-1:00	LUNCH
1:00-1:45	VIOLA ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL
2:00-2:45	DRESS REHEARSAL
3:00-4:00	MASTERCLASS with Pamela Goldsmith
4:00-5:00	GALA CONCERT with performances by Paul Coletti and all ViolaFest participants Paul Chihara World Premiere

REGISTRATION

Registration is open to students in fourth through twelfth grades and to adult auditors. Registration comes with perks! All student participants will receive a free ViolaFest t-shirt, two free tickets to the Gala Concert and music to keep!

Student Registration

Registration Deadline	Postdate March 21	\$20
On Site	On April 12	\$25

Auditor Registration

Registration Deadline	Postdate by March 21	\$10
On Site	On April 12	\$15

Registration forms and info can be found online at www.southerncaliforniaviolasociety.com.

All registration and masterclass materials can be sent to:
attn: Nancy Roth
P.O. Box 1011

Burbank, CA 91507-1011

VIOLAFEST HIGHLIGHTS

Special Guest Performance

We are delighted to have violist Paul Coletti joining us again this year as our special guest. He will be performing at the Gala Concert with some other musical guests.

Masterclass

Pamela Goldsmith will be giving a public masterclass on baroque and classical style. Three advanced students will be selected to participate in this public master class. If you wish to be considered to play in the masterclass you must submit a recent tape, CD, or DVD with your registration or under separate cover by March 21. Your submission should include one or two pieces in the baroque or classical style, one preferably by J.S. Bach. Please mark your recording with your name, age, and the contents of the recording.

Viola Ensembles

ViolaFest participants will have the opportunity to perform a world premiere by acclaimed composer Paul Chihara and conducted by award winning director of the Santa Monica High Orchestras, Joni Swenson. Participants will also have a chance to perform one additional work for multiple violas. Once you register, you will receive music in the mail or through your school music teacher. This music must be prepared prior to ViolaFest.

Special Topics Classes

Outstanding professional violists will be leading classes addressing the unique aspects of the viola. Sharpen your skills and learn something new! Each participant will have a chance to select two classes from an array of several that will be offered.

Gala Concert

The final concert is open to the public. Each ViolaFest participant will receive two free tickets to the Gala Concert for parents and friends. Additional tickets will be available at the door for \$5.