

June 15, 2025

Dear Friend of the Arts,



Now entering its 25th year, the **Sonatina Festival** is a beloved musical tradition in the Madison and southwestern Wisconsin communities. Each fall, this event welcomes students ages 4–18, adult learners, duet teams, and even teaching professionals in both competitive and non-competitive categories. Teachers, entrants, parents, volunteers, and community members come together to create a welcoming, diverse musical environment. Participants receive detailed written feedback from adjudicators with advanced degrees and national certification.

I'm excited to announce that a commissioned three-movement Sonatina will deepen the festival's cultural and artistic significance while celebrating the **silver anniversary** in 2025. The premiere of a brand-new work composed especially for the occasion will elevate the experience for performers and audiences alike. The addition of a community-wide cover art contest further opens the event to public participation and creativity. By commissioning a new work and encouraging artistic contributions from the broader community, this project honors the past, supports living composers, and invites new people to join in making, hearing, and appreciating music.

This year, I am asking for some assistance from the festival's past supporters and participants in celebration of the 25th annual event. If any of these asks appeal to you, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. In exchange, you would be prominently featured as a sponsor of the festival this year. Your sponsorship is a gift or advertisement; the festival is not affiliated with a nonprofit entity. The extra costs for the festival this year include:

- 1) We are in need of an **acoustic piano** (either upright or grand) delivered and tuned for a third adjudication room. (This kind of ask is worth nearly \$1000, so it's not a small feat to acquire an extra piano.)
- 2) We are in need of **sponsorships for the commissioned composition**. The full sponsorship is \$700.
- 3) We are in need of a **sponsor for the cover art contest**. The prize is \$150.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist in making the 25th Annual event a successful and memorable one for the music community by helping in one of the above ways, please send your contribution by September 1 in order to be recognized as a supporter of this exciting festival.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Mickey Lytle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mickey Lytle
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YES!

I would like to help Sonatina Festival 2025

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

☐ Please designate my

sponsorship gift

☐ in honor of, or ☐ in memory of:

☐ I wish to remain anonymous

Thank you for your support!

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-We are in need of an **acoustic piano** (either upright or grand) delivered and tuned for a third adjudication room; sponsorship totals \$1000.

-Sponsorships for the **commissioned composition**. The full sponsorship is \$700.

-Sponsor(s) for the **cover art contest**. The prize is \$150.

*To be featured as a sponsor on the festival website and on festival promotional materials, please ensure your contribution is received by September 1, 2025. Thank you!

☐ \$25

☐ \$250

☐ \$50

☐ \$500

☐ \$100

☐ Other Gift amount _____

Thank you for supporting the 25th Annual Sonatina Festival!

Please send your contribution to: Mickey Lytle, Music By Mickey, 608 Hamlets Cir, Verona WI 53593

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