

ENCOURAGE A COLLEAGUE TO JOIN ASTA TODAY!

As a member of the American String Teachers Association, they will join thousands of others in an active network of string teachers, performers, orchestra directors, and other string enthusiasts. As they begin to enjoy the benefits of ASTA membership, they will find that the array of benefits far outweighs the cost to join.

ASTA Member Benefits

American String Teacher Journal

Every quarter, our award-winning, peer-reviewed journal keeps members informed of developments and news within the string profession. *AST* provides feature articles, instrument forums, and regular columns, including Master Class, Member2Member, and Teaching Tips, as well as association and industry news. The journal keeps members current on professional news and trends, provides important updates from ASTA, and informs you about upcoming workshops, competitions, seminars, and other events, such as the national conference. *AST* is also available online to members at www.astaweb.com.

Discounts

ASTA members receive discounts on products and services, such as 5 percent savings on all purchases at www.audubonstrings.com, which also donates back to ASTA a percentage of your purchase price at no cost to you.

Advocacy Materials

From the www.astaweb.com site, members can download advocacy and outreach materials, including *Why Strings?* brochures, a public service announcement by Mark O'Connor, advocacy kits, posters, and more.

Affordable Instrument Insurance

ASTA members receive more than 40 percent off annual minimum instrument insurance rates through Huntington T. Block Insurance Agency, Inc. (formerly Merz-Huber Insurance). Your membership must remain current in order to enjoy these valuable savings. Visit www.huntingtontblock.com/Pages/MerzHuberMusicalInstrumentInsuranceProgram.aspx, or call 610-544-2323 for more information.

Group Insurance Programs

Through the Forrest T. Jones Co., ASTA members are eligible for a variety of insurance coverage, such as educator's liability, life, auto, health, dental, and more. Visit www.ftj.com/ASTA for details.

Educators Professional Liability Plan

Safeguard your career and personal assets from a costly work-related lawsuit with insurance dedicated solely for your protection. Our plan for employed educators pays all defense costs in addition to the liability limit you choose, and it features job protection benefits if you're subject to an administrative action.

Private Practice Professional Liability Plan

Protect your career and your personal assets against a broad range of claims with liability coverage for self-employed educators or those engaged in partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations. Choose from three liability limits and three deductibles for economical protection that meets your needs.

Student Educator Professional Liability Plan

Young educators doing student teaching, internships and practicums face many of the same risks as licensed instructors. Our student plan costs \$25 a year for \$1 million in coverage and pays all defense costs over and above the limit of liability.

Educators Dental Plan

This simple, economical plan pays 100% of covered charges — up to \$750 per person per year — to the dentist of your choice after you satisfy a small annual deductible. Plus, there's no waiting period for reimbursement on preventive care, such as periodic exams, cleanings and x-rays. Coverage options include spouse and dependent children.

Long Term Care Insurance Evaluation Service

Want to understand your options for long term care insurance? Get a no-cost consultation by phone, mail or e-mail that provides proposals from competing carriers and assistance in choosing coverage that's right for you. As an association member, you may qualify for discounts on some plans.

Medicare Supplement Insurance

Get help paying for medical costs that Medicare doesn't cover with plans from Transamerica Life that let you choose your own doctors, specialists and hospitals. Association members, spouses and other relatives qualify for group rates.

TIE Health Insurance Exchange

Whether you need individual or family health insurance—or you are an employer shopping for your group—you can quickly find coverage options and determine your eligibility for federal subsidies on our new Health Insurance Exchange.

Group Term Life Plan

Help protect your family's future with our most basic and affordable group term life plan from New York Life. Members and their spouses can request up to \$1,000,000 of insurance, and spouses qualify at the member's rate, regardless of age. Coverage for dependent children also available.

Group Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance Plan

How would your family cope if you suffered a disabling injury or were in a fatal accident? This affordable plan pays up to \$300,000 in benefits in addition to any other life, health or disability insurance you may own, and it features double benefits for school-related or common-carrier travel accidents.

10-Year-Level Group Term Life Plan

This New York Life plan combines the utility of term life insurance with rates guaranteed to remain the same for the first 10 years. Up to \$1 million in coverage is available for members and their spouses at group rates specially designed for TIE association members.

Disability Insurance

Get replacement income up to \$5,000/month in case you can't work due to a disabling illness or injury. Choose a benefit amount, waiting period, and benefit duration to fit your needs with benefits paid directly to you.

Comprehensive ASTA Website

The ASTA website is filled with information about every ASTA program. Whether you are looking for job openings, string industry contacts, awards, competitions,

summer camps and conferences, or the latest news, you'll find it at www.astaweb.com. You will enjoy access to content reserved exclusively for members, such as articles in the *AST* journal archive and streamed video sessions from the ASTA National Conference.

String Research Journal

Members enjoy online access to ASTA's newest scholarly publication, the *String Research Journal*. Hardcopy subscriptions are also available.

Access to String-Related Job Listings

String-related job opportunities are posted to the ASTA website on a continuing basis, providing members with a current list of vacancies in the profession.

Competitions and Contests

Members and their students are eligible to compete in ASTA competitions, such as the National Orchestra Festival, National Solo Competition, and Eclectic Strings Festival.

State Chapter Membership

Membership dues automatically include participation in your state chapter. State chapter membership offers many benefits, including local networking opportunities, conferences, workshops, newsletters, and more.

Conferences with YOU in Mind

As an ASTA member, you receive a substantial discount on national conference registration fees. Our annual conference is designed to benefit string students and professionals representing all levels and styles.

Certificate Advancement Program (ASTA-CAP)

The ASTA-CAP program seeks to establish definite goals and awards for students of all levels through non-competitive examinations. Students are judged on technical and musical preparedness at specific levels (Foundation through Level 10) by an examiner of musical and pedagogical stature. A certificate of achievement is awarded for each level successfully completed.

Professional Development Programs

ASTA offers several professional development programs for string educators, including professional development hours and college credit for attending our national conference.