

NWS Online String Thing Hangout Schedule Spring 2021

Mondays @ 4pm on Zoom

Zoom on Mondays 4 PM (30-40 minutes for Student Hangouts; 40-60 minutes for Guest Artist Hangouts; Guest Artist Hangouts recorded for later viewing) More details about each guest artist at www.nwstrings.org

Hangout One: January 11, Student Hangout with Betty Braunstein and Becky Deters

Question of the Day ~ Piece of the Day ~ Preview of Guest Artist Lineup ~ Playing Erin's Favorite Words ~ WWNWS? (Where in the World is NorthWoods Strings?) ~ Rhythm Workout ~ DoReMi Farewell

Hangout Two: January 25, Guest Artist Hangout with Erin Aldridge

Your Bow is Your Friend, Really! Part 1: In this fun, interactive back-and-forth session, Erin will teach: 5 basic bowing concepts for a great sound ~ how bow speed influences sound and evenness of changes ~ jaw/neck/shoulder relaxation for a great sound ~ practice tips

Hangout Three: February 8, Student Hangout with Betty Braunstein and Becky Deters

Question of the Day ~ Piece of the Day ~ Haitian Music Program Preparation ~ Playing Haitian folksongs ~ Playing Erin's piece ~ Rhythm Workout ~ DoReMi Farewell

Hangout Four: February 22, Guest Artist Hangout with Tom Clowes (Crossing Borders Music) and Rudy Perrault (UMD)

Soulful Haiti -Beyond the Headlines: Conversations about, and performances of, solo works by Haitian composers. We will explore the complex beauty, culture, and history of Haiti through its music and musicians. We will go beyond the headlines, hearing from Special Student Correspondents about Haiti. We will get to know each other a bit better and have a good time playing together!

Hangout Five: March 8, Student Hangout with Betty Braunstein and Becky Deters

Question of the Day ~ Piece of the Day ~ Chinese Music Program Preparation ~ Playing Chinese folksongs ~ Playing Erin's piece ~ Rhythm Workout ~ DoReMi Farewell

Hangout Six: March 22, Guest Artist Hangout with composer and Pipa soloist Gao Hong

Music From China: Conversations about, and performances of, works for solo Pipa, a traditional Chinese string instrument.

Hangout Seven: April 12, Student Hangout with Erin Aldridge

Your Bow is Your Friend, Really! Part 2: In this fun, interactive back-and-forth session, Erin will hear each student play and give individualized guidance on bowing techniques and practice tips for a great sound.

Hangout Eight: April 26, Guest Artist Hangout Liesel Wilson (Erhu soloist and fiddler) and her band Eira

Erhu Ready? ("Erhu" is a traditional Chinese instrument and is pronounced "Are-who") We will enjoy conversations with, and a performance by, the lively band Eira (Welsh for snow). Eira plays Celtic and other world music, has played around Canada and the U.S., and is set to tour in Scotland. Liesel will share her stories about learning and performing on fiddle/violin and Erhu.

Hangout Nine: May 10, Student Hangout with Betty Braunstein and Becky Deters

Question of the Day ~ WWNWS? (Where in the World is NorthWoods Strings?) Project Presentation ~ End of Semester Party ~ DoReMi Farewell

