

# Finding the Percussionist's Craft



## Masterclass

Join acclaimed percussionist and educator Jonathan Brown for an immersive masterclass exploring percussion as both rhythm and narrative. Finding the Percussionist's Craft looks beyond technique to examine how percussion instruments – hand to hand, mallet to bar, stick to skin—have always carried culture, movement, and human expression.

### Scholarships Available

MARCH 15, 2026

2:00-4:00 PM

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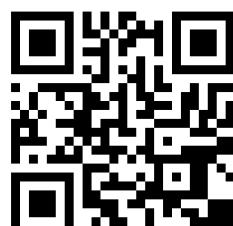
*for intermediate and advanced percussion students in Lenawee County*

### Program Highlights

**Coachings:** Hands-on small group sessions offering personalized guidance on sound production, touch, time feel, groove, articulation, and musical storytelling across a variety of percussion instruments. Emphasis is placed on listening, interaction, and developing a strong musical voice—whether students come from a school ensemble, private studio, or independent path.

**Masterclass:** A public session featuring selected performers, offering opportunities to refine repertoire, experiment with interpretation, and receive expert feedback in front of peers—across mallet keyboards, hand percussion, drum set, and mixed percussion setups.

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# Masterclass

# MAY 16, 2026

2:00-4:00 PM

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## Story of the String Quartet

*for intermediate and advanced  
string students in Lenawee County*

Join the acclaimed **Bayberry String Quartet** for an immersive masterclass experience designed to deepen your understanding of chamber music and the art of storytelling in music. Story of the String Quartet explores the rich history, artistry, and collaborative spirit that define this timeless ensemble.



### Program Highlights

**Presentation:** An engaging talk by the Bayberry String Quartet tracing the evolution of the string quartet, its role in classical music, and insights into the ensemble's own artistic journey.

**Coachings:** Hands-on small group sessions where string students receive personalized guidance from members of the quartet, focusing on artistic interpretation, string technique, and storytelling through music.

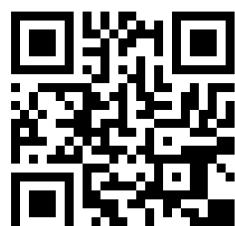
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### Opportunities

**Performers:** Intermediate and advanced students from Lenawee County may apply to perform in the masterclass and receive direct coaching.

**Participants:** Students not performing will engage in discussions, group coachings, and take part in interactive learning activities.

**Auditors:** Teachers, families, and community members are welcome to attend and gain insight into the artistry of quartet playing. This masterclass is a rare chance to learn from professional musicians in an inspiring and supportive environment.



# MASTERCLASS



## Amy I-Lin Cheng University of Michigan Assistant Professor of Piano

*"a brilliant, sensitive, imaginative and most beguiling pianist" - Claude Frank*

*a pianist whose "control of the keyboard is complete, technique easy and relaxed, with a wide range of touch."*  
- New York Concert Review

## TALES OF THE PIANO

*for intermediate and advanced piano students in Lenawee County*

# July 18, 2026

2:00-4:00 PM

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[maconcreek.org/masterclass](http://maconcreek.org/masterclass)

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 **BEACON ARTS**  
Michigan  
[beaconartsmichigan.org](http://beaconartsmichigan.org)

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### Program Highlights

This masterclass offers students an opportunity to refine technique, deepen musical interpretation, and receive personalized guidance in a supportive, engaging environment.

This is your opportunity to prepare repertoire for performance, polish a competition piece, or simply grow as a musician.

Observers are welcome as well—come to learn, listen, and be inspired!

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