

MEADOWMOUNT

School of Music

Meadowmount Receives \$75,750 NYS DEC Smart Growth Grant for Campus

Funding will repair historic Campe Concert Hall and student dormitories, preserving a cultural landmark within the Adirondack Park

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WESTPORT, N.Y. — Meadowmount School of Music (Society for Strings, Inc.) has been awarded a \$75,750 grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS-DEC), Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Program through appropriations from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) to complete critical repairs to Campe Concert Hall and the school's on-campus dormitories. Work on the project is now underway.

The award was among more than \$3.2 million in Smart Growth grants announced by NYS-DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton to 26 communities and organizations across the Adirondack Park. The program supports capital projects that link environmental protection, economic development, and community livability.

"We are deeply grateful to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for investing in Meadowmount. Campe Concert Hall and our dormitories are at the heart of the Meadowmount experience, and this support allows us to keep them safe, welcoming, and ready for the students and audiences who gather here each summer. We are proud to care for this historic property and cultural landmark on behalf of the North Country community," said Genevieve Twomey, Executive Director for the Meadowmount School of Music.

The funding will address essential needs across the campus. Campe Concert Hall requires new siding to address wood rot and to ensure the hall can continue to safely welcome audiences to on-campus concerts. In the dormitories, the project will replace



October 2026 - The Meadowmount Facilities team works to replace old siding on the exterior of Campe Concert Hall ahead of the coming winter.

rapidly deteriorating ceiling tiles and entrance decks, provide painting, and winterize equipment to maintain safe and functional housing for students.

The full press release is attached as a PDF. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, requests for photos or to arrange to visit the campus. Please let me know what would be helpful for your coverage.

Each summer, Meadowmount welcomes up to 190 young violinists, violists, and cellists from around the world for an intensive seven-week program. The school also presents concerts for year-round and seasonal Adirondack residents, both on campus and with community partners. This summer, 187 students took part in the 2026 season.

"Smart Growth Grants are an investment in our communities and foster sustainable development, economic growth, and enhanced recreational opportunities for all New Yorkers," said NYS-DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton in announcing the awards.

The restoration work preserves Meadowmount as a historic and cultural resource in the Adirondack Park and helps ensure that its tradition of musical excellence continues for the upcoming summer and well beyond.

This project follows other recent Meadowmount investments in the campus, including the restoration of the Josef Gingold Library, the completion of the campuswide air-conditioning project, restoration of the Sally Thomas Studio as well as Gingold and Long Cottages, upgrades to signage and lighting across the campus, and the addition of a new Meadowmount Forest Trail developed in partnership with Champlain Area Trails (CATS).

About Meadowmount School of Music

Founded in 1944 by Ivan Galamian, the Meadowmount School of Music is a seven-week summer program for young violinists, violists, and cellists. Its alumni include world-renowned soloists, chamber musicians, and principal players in leading orchestras, among them Yo-Yo Ma, Itzhak Perlman, Joshua Bell, Pinchas Zukerman, Marin Alsop, James Ehnes, Stefan Jackiw, and Jessie Montgomery. Meadowmount offers a unique blend of tradition, artistic excellence, time for self discovery, and inspiration on its 240-acre campus in the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York. With a capacity enrollment of 190, the school retains an intimacy that fosters personal attention and camaraderie, and many alumni return year after year as students, faculty, and guest artists, ensuring the continuity of the Meadowmount teaching tradition.
