

South Louisiana Strings Teachers List

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Music Schools that teach strings in Lafayette:

Acadiana Symphony Orchestra

and Conservatory (337) 232-4277

Music Academy of Acadiana (337) 456-8929

www.acadianasympphony.org

www.musicacademyacadiana.com

Youth Orchestra in Lafayette:

Acadiana Symphony Prep and Youth Orchestra

ASPO and ASYO (337) 232-4277

www.acadianasympphony.org

Baton Rouge area

Violin:

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Music Schools that teach strings in Baton Rouge:

Baton Rouge Conservatory	(225) 205-6225	batonrougemusiclessons.com
Children's Music Studio	(225) 284-6128	www.childrensmusicstudiola.com
Grace Notes School of Music	(225) 571-0858	gracenotesschoolofmusic.com
Palacios' House of Arts	(813) 454-2127	palaciosarts.squarespace.com
Kids' Orchestra	(225) 922-4656	kidsorchestra.org

Youth Orchestra in Baton Rouge:

Louisiana Youth Orchestra and Junior Youth Orchestra	brso.org/la-youth-orchestra
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Baton Rouge Symphony Office	(225) 383-0500	brso.org
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