

## 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](http://www.acadianasympphony.org)

[www.musicacademyacadiana.com](http://www.musicacademyacadiana.com)

**Youth Orchestra in Lafayette:**

Acadiana Symphony Prep and Youth Orchestra

ASPO and ASYO (337) 232-4277

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## Baton Rouge area

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Children's Music Studio	(225) 284-6128	<a href="http://www.childrensmusicstudiola.com">www.childrensmusicstudiola.com</a>
Grace Notes School of Music	(225) 571-0858	<a href="http://gracenotesschoolofmusic.com">gracenotesschoolofmusic.com</a>
Palacios' House of Arts	(813) 454-2127	<a href="http://palaciosarts.squarespace.com">palaciosarts.squarespace.com</a>
Kids' Orchestra	(225) 922-4656	<a href="http://kidsorchestra.org">kidsorchestra.org</a>

### Youth Orchestra in Baton Rouge:

Louisiana Youth Orchestra and Junior Youth Orchestra	<a href="http://brso.org/la-youth-orchestra">brso.org/la-youth-orchestra</a>
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**Youth Orchestra in Lake Charles:**

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