

# LEISURE



Violinists show off their skills Monday at the Dungeon during this week's Summer String Workshop.

## Making music

Members of the Rainy Lake Sinfonia and Rainy Lake Community Orchestra gathered Monday at the Dungeon for a free Summer String Workshop offered to area musicians this week.

The workshop, which for 36 years has attracted string musicians of all ages and abilities, allows participants the opportunity to improve their skills, rehearse and perform symphony orchestra music. The Rainy Lake Sinfonia is conducted by Karen K. Madsen of Northfield and the Rainy Lake Orchestra is conducted by Joe Belanger and John Faith of the Falls.

The group will present a free concert open to the public at 7 p.m. Friday at the Ranier Community Building in Ranier.



Rebecca Petersen, executive director of the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra, participates in this week's string workshop in International Falls.



A group of cellists practice for Friday's concert.

## Solo jazz guitarist coming to library

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Briand Morrison, a solo jazz guitarist, will make his way to the International Falls Public Library at 1 p.m. Tuesday, according to a release from the Arrowhead Library System.

Audiences attending the free program, the release said, can expect to experience smooth, warm, and innovative music that will appeal to both jazz aficionados and anyone who loves good guitar.

Morrison has been playing guitar since he was 7 years old. In sixth grade, he was part of his first band playing piano, bass and guitar. By age 16, he was hired by the West Bank School of Music in Minneapolis as a rock guitar teacher.

Playing in a band and having the ability to play popular and rock tunes on guitar was a true joy to Morrison, the release continued, but thinking of music as an art form and being able to create a sound that was altogether original was an early dream.

Morrison then found a new challenge — jazz improvisation. A feeling of composing on the fly satisfied within his own mind his father's notion that composing was a higher art form than playing.

To Morrison, jazz was more interesting because it was so much richer in every way: harmonically, rhythmically and melodically. This gave rise to more expression and color when playing and soloing. So much so that it continues



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### More information

This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. To learn more about Arrowhead Legacy Events, visit [www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us/whats-new](http://www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us/whats-new). The organization can also be found on Twitter, [www.twitter.com/ArrowheadLegacy](http://www.twitter.com/ArrowheadLegacy) or Facebook, [www.facebook.com/ArrowheadLegacy](http://www.facebook.com/ArrowheadLegacy).

to be tightly woven within his music interests and still shapes what he plays and listens to, the release said.

The musician of many talents will provide a solo

jazz guitar program allowing the Borderland community to experience his music, song writing style, and maybe even learn some guitar playing tips.

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