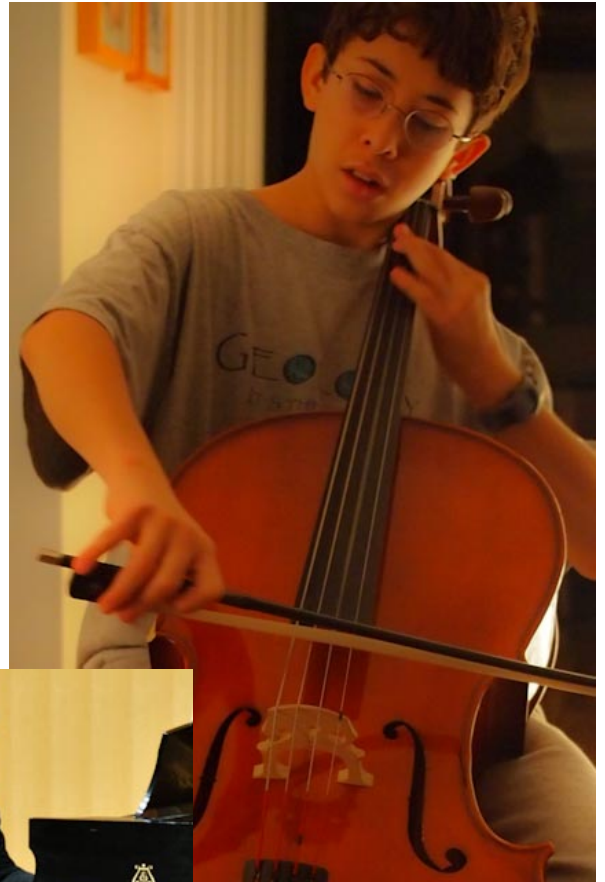


# Prep Strings Program at Central Washington University

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Last year I observed: "Fall Quarter 2007, our son Sasha joined the CWU Prep Strings program. He had never played an instrument before and wanted to play the cello like his friend Tim Miller." And I concluded: "The CWU Prep Strings program is simply outstanding!"

There certainly are great classes and concerts and special events at CWU. But last month as I watched Sasha I understood something else. He is discovering real passion and excitement with his cello. And this is coming directly from the souls of the masters whose passion for music teach this program.



The students see and listen to masters of the classics



And to styles and music beyond classical



Students and teachers perform together as here in an all string orchestra  
comprised of every string student in the Ellensburg area,  
conducted by Prof. Bret Smith



Three can give a concert in  
front of hundreds when they  
just begin



And they can play with students from around the state as in this all cello  
orchestra at the conclusion of Prof. John Michel's Cello Celebration



Kids learn to play together in early orchestras



And can grow into in a full symphony



More than anything as a dad, I want my son to be happy and filled with fire and passion for life, being all he can be. CWU's Prep Strings program is giving that to Sasha. My heart sings with his joy.

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P.S. I should add that the cookies and camaraderie after Prep String concerts, like the one last night, are nearly as good as the music!

