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## Summer sounds on offer at music camp performance

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Waitaki Boys' High School has come to life over the past two weeks with the Waitaki Summer Music Camp attracting about 100 musicians and tutors from around New Zealand.

Camp organiser Paul Claman said the camp has been running for 15 years and is a training camp for classical musos that culminates in a public concert in the auditorium. The concert will be held from 7.30pm on Saturday.

"We have a full, nicely balanced symphony orchestra this year which is great," he said.

The camp attracts musicians of all ages and backgrounds from all around the country, which is one of the main attractions for 16-year-old car veteran Sam Fleury of Dunedin. "I've been coming here for seven years," the keen violin player said.

"There's just so many different kinds of people here - some young and some not so young.

"It's good just hanging out for a week with other music people."

Those who participate are likely to benefit from the considerable combined knowledge of all seven tutors, who are professional musicians from outfits such as the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

The camp was started by Mr Claman and Al and Jen Sands largely out of nostalgia for a similar camp that was run by the University of Otago in the 1970s and a desire for classical musicians of this generation to reap the benefits of such a forum.



IN FULL SWING: The Waitaki Summer Music Camp is now at Waitaki Boys' High School.

A separate camp for chamber musicians was held last week, attracting about 32 musos.

The organisers are assisted by the Whitestone Community Art Council and the Otago Community Trust, which provides grants that help bring the cost down for attendees.

Those who choose to go along to the concert will be in for a treat, as the sound of all 62 musician playing in unison is simply incredible.

Waitaki Summer Music Camp Symphony Orchestra, 7.30pm on Saturday.

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Waitaki Boys' High School auditorium. \$5 for adults, \$2 for children - \$10 for a family (tickets purchased at the door).

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