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YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DUPAGE MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

PERFORMANCE YEAR 2020-2021



FOR THE GROUPS:

SINFONIETTA STRINGS
PHILHARMONIA STRINGS
CONCERT ORCHESTRA
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
PLAYERS AND PARENTS

INSPIRING YOUNG MUSICIANS

58TH PERFORMANCE SEASON

The YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DUPAGE provides advanced ensemble training to educate and challenge young musicians in DuPage County and surrounding communities. YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPage instills within the students the desire to achieve an excellent performing experience. It is the mission of YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DUPAGE to nurture young musicians and inspire a love of the art and profession of music to last a lifetime.

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Welcome to YSDP!

The YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE presents a unique and valuable opportunity for members to learn and perform, in public, a wide range of music.

To confirm your commitment to YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE, we ask that you AND your parents/guardians read this membership guide and sign the contract on the last page showing that you agree to abide by these expectations. Orchestras are a musical team. Quality rehearsal time is VITAL for ALL members and the conductor in order to attain the full potential of each musician.



CODE OF CONDUCT



Musicians are expected to treat the conductor, other musicians, parents, board members, and any other personnel associated with the YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE with respect and consideration.

You are to conduct yourself as a young adult, being respectful towards the property and rights of others at rehearsals, concerts, and extra-curricular activities. There is no tolerance for drugs/alcohol or behavior unbecoming to a YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE orchestra member.

Parents of musicians are expected to voice any concerns to the President of YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE or another board member in his/her absence. Inappropriate or disrespectful language towards the volunteer board members, directors or other parents will not be tolerated and can result in dismissal from the YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE organization as well as the forfeiture of all monies paid. Parents are expected to provide transportation for their musician and to provide prompt payment of their membership dues as outlined below.

PROGRAMS

Sinfonietta & Philharmonia Strings

Sinfonietta Strings and Philharmonia members are talented younger musicians who have at least 2 years on their instrument with private instruction. The ensemble provides advanced training and ensemble experience for younger musicians playing with proficiency for advance orchestral performance. Private teacher recommendations required.

Concert Orchestra

Concert Orchestra is a full orchestra and its members are advanced middle and high school musicians along with talented younger musicians who have at least 2 years on their instrument with private instruction and playing with proficiency for advanced orchestral performance.

Symphony Orchestra

Symphony Orchestra is a full orchestra and the members are advanced middle school and high school age musicians who have more than 2 years on their instruments with private instruction and ready to perform more advanced works.

Ensembles

offers ensemble opportunities for students who wish to continue challenging themselves. Professional coaches guide our students through their musical selections to help develop and refine their musical skills.

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ATTENDANCE



It is the musician's responsibility to check in at each rehearsal and performance. Anyone not checked in will be marked as having an unexplained absence. Musicians are to check in using photo ID badge and wear it all times at the rehearsals.

To report an absence, go to YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE web site (www.ysdp.org) > Membership > Rehearsal Absence Report then complete the on-line notification form as soon as it is known, no later than 4 PM on the day of the rehearsal being missed.

All absences will be reviewed. Only TWO ABSENCES will be allowed per semester, regardless of reason. Music related absences are excused. The music director and/or conductor must approve ALL exceptions.

After two UNEXCUSED absences, seating will be reviewed and placement may be terminated if warranted by the conductor. Unexcused absences will be taken into consideration during the following year's auditions. Excessive absence can result in dismissal from the orchestra with no refund in tuition.

REHEARSALS

Musician is expected to attend ALL scheduled rehearsals.

Location: Goodwin Auditorium
Benedictine University
5700 College Rd. Lisle, IL 60532

Due to the new group, there may be a new rehearsal location will be added.

Orchestra Rehearsal Times (2019-20)

Sinfonietta Strings: 5:15 PM to 6 PM

Philharmonia Strings: 6:15-7:15 PM

Concert: 5:15 to PM to 6:45 PM

Symphony: 7 PM to 9 PM

Ensemble Rehearsal Times: See your coach's email. It is typically the on Mondays before the orchestra rehearsal.

Phone usage or eating during rehearsal are not permitted.

Work on music at home and come prepared to play as an orchestra member.

It is important to regularly practice and submit assignments.

PLEASE PERFECT YOUR MUSIC THROUGH PRACTICE AND INSTRUCTION!



CONCERT PERFORMANCE

LOCATION & ATTIRE

Location: Wentz Concert Hall
North Central College
171 E. Chicago Ave
Naperville, IL 60540

In a typical year, there are two concerts (Fall Concert and Spring Concerts) and one benefit concert in February. The concerts are preceded by dress rehearsals on the day of the concert; the call time is up to three hours prior to the concert start time. NO audience is allowed in the hall during this time.

Musicians are expected to have their instruments in proper condition prior to arrival. Strings musicians should have replacement strings in their cases; winds should have extra reeds and all applicable mutes; percussionists need mallets. All music must be brought to the concert for performance.

YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE is planning on hosting a day for new dress orders and re-sales, at a date to be determined.

The cost of the dress is ~\$85.00 for a full-length dress. This cost is in addition to the orchestral tuition and is due at the time of measurement /ordering.

CONCERT ATTIRE-LADIES

In consideration of the current exceptional year, ladies uniform information below may be updated. Please lookout for the updates on the upcoming Newsletters.

Concert dress is enforced

This section is written for a typical performance year, the musician not in concert dress will not be permitted to perform.

LADIES

- Black velveteen dress
- Black dress shoes and nylons / trouser socks are permissible
- Minimal jewelry
- A full-length black velveteen dress will be purchased through YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DUPAGE to maintain a more uniform look for all participants in the orchestra.

These dresses are similar to the ones worn by local high school band, orchestras, and choirs. YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE Dress Committee must approve any pre-purchased dresses members may already have through another band, orchestra or choir to ensure fit and uniformity within YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE.

Those needing dresses will be able to be measured and order dresses at a date to be determined. Once orders are placed, money is non-refundable. Dresses are custom fit for each girl, but are loose enough to be sold to other members at a later date.

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CONCERT ATTIRE - MALE



GENTLEMEN

Musicians are expected to dress professionally. Wear black suit, a crisp white shirt.

- Black suit or tux jacket and pants, white shirt with black bow tie
- Black dress shoes
- Calf-high socks
- Minimal jewelry
- NO wearing shoes without socks
- NO white or color socks
- NO ankle high black socks.
- NO casual shoes (tennis shoes, flip-flops, boots, etc.).

PUBLICITY (Video/Photo/Audio Agreement)

Youth Symphony of DuPage (YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE) reserves the right to take still photographs, videos and/or audio recordings of the YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE (musicians, parents, volunteers and staff) while participating in YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE activities. Acceptance into the YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE organization implies given permission for the taking of photos, videos and /or musical recordings to be used to promote the Youth Symphony of DuPage.

The photos, videos and /or musical recordings will remain the property of YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE

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TUITION AND TIMELINE

Tuition Timeline and Due Dates

- Acceptance letters will be notified about June 10-15, 2020.
- Member form and at least ½ tuition must be paid to and received by YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE by July 1, 2020 to retain seat in the orchestra.
- All payments are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- If no payment has been received, you will be removed from the YSDP roster.

The membership fee :

- Sinfonietta Strings: \$450
- Philharmonia Strings: \$500
- Concert Orchestra: \$600
- Symphony Orchestra: \$600

Timeline:

- June 10, 2020: Acceptance notified to parents
- July 1, 2020: \$100 deposit, 50% tuition or full tuition due
- August 1, 2020: **Full tuition Due.**
- YSDP encourages tuition paid in full upon acceptance into the orchestra.

The YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE will work with you on other payment schedule, if requested.

Fall Audition candidates only:

- Upon the fall audition conclusion on August 10, 2020, the acceptance letters will be transmitted around August 15, 2020.
- Member form and at least ½ tuition must be paid to and received by YSDP by September 1, 2020 to retain seat in the orchestra.

Chamber Ensemble Tuition

Chamber Ensemble coach will review the audition video links and the result will be notified by June 30, 2020.

Membership includes Performance tickets:

- Under an ordinary performance year, there are two Concerts (Fall Concert and Spring Concert) and one Winter Benefit Concert.
- Per musician Two (2) tickets to both the Fall and Spring concerts.

In light of Corona Virus Outbreak, YSDP will continue to prioritize schedule and event dates according to the health and safety of our members and staff. Schedules and format of the rehearsals are subject to change.

No Refunds will be offered in the event there are changes in music directors, conductors, management, etc or after the start of the season. If a musician chooses to leave after the season begins, their tuition is non-refundable.

COMMUNICATION



YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE Website:

Rehearsal and concert information will be available on YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE's web site.

NEWSLETTER

YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE distributes weekly email newsletters to all members with important notices and any last minute changes to the schedule.

YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE emails:

Questions, comments, attendance issues, etc can be emailed or discussed with any board member during rehearsals or various designated email addresses:

- YSDP central@ysdp.org
- audition@ysdp.org
- volunteer@ysdp.org
- advertize@ysdp.org
- info@ysdp.org
- Report an Absence: www.ysdp.org

> Membership > Rehearsal Absence Report

AGAIN, WE WELCOME YOU TO YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DUPAGE! LOOKING FORWARD TO WORK WITH YOU!

Board of Directors

YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE is managed by an all-volunteer Board

Executive Board of Directors

- President: Kay Burdi
- Vice President: Shirley Sze, Delina Ollila
Samir Khan
- Secretary: Jo Ann Foss
- Treasurer: Ritchie Chang
- Interim Treasurer (Compliance) Kay Burdi

Board of Directors

- Yasmin Khan
- Phavinee Park
- Yonhee Gordon
- Dorothy Chinchilla
- Sharenda Barlar

Honorary Board Members

- Meng-Kong Tham
- Anne Altman
- Barbara Grob
- Romaine Toy

Stage Manager: Delina Ollila

Technology Officer: Kay Burdi

Webmaster: Doug Varney

Photography: Scott Mitchell, Frank Cabrera,
Yuyin Wang

Videography: Dan Anderson

Membership Relations, Social Media:
Elizabeth Moore

Historian: JoAnn Foss

Rehearsal Manager: Liz Moore

Music: JoAnn Foss, Samir Khan

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CONCERTO COMPETITION



YSDP encourage all members to participate in our Concerto Competition, usually held late January/early March (TBD). All soloists perform before judges and receive constructive comments of their performance. Competition winners have an opportunity to perform their solos at our February or April concert. Specific detail pertaining to the Concerto Competition will be distributed by mid-November.

SCHOOL MUSIC PARTICIPATION

YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE strongly encourages its members to participate in their school instrumental groups. Conflicts that cannot be resolved with school directors concerning YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE rehearsal times must be discussed with YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE's music director or conductor.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers are essential in the running of our orchestra and help YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE keep tuition down. Volunteer sheets would typically be presented at the MANDATORY PARENT MEETING on September each year, however, due to the current situation we will postpone the posting of parent jobs. We ask that the family sign up a minimum of two jobs per family once the active posting occurs.

Here are the example parent jobs, we needed in prior years:

- Attendance Rehearsals (Sinfonietta, Philharmonia, Concert, and Symphony)
- Attendance Concert Day
- Concert Ushers
- "Men-in-Black"
- Stage management during concerts
- Concerto Competition assistance
- Ads / Publicity
- Auditions
- Photography
- Videography
- Website Management
- Ticket Sales
- Online Ticket Setup
- Member Social
- Spirit-wear
- Newsletter
- Accounting
- Yearbook
- Program Book

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MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

STUDENTS, PLEASE REVIEW THE DOCUMENT,
PRINT THIS PAGE, SIGN, SCAN WITH YOUR
SIGNATURE OT INFFO@YSDP.ORG. THANK YOU!

I have read the entire Membership Guide
and understand the expectations for my
participation in YOUTH SYMPHONY OF
DuPAGE.

I agree to abide by the outlined rules for
rehearsals, attendance, and code of conduct
and concerts.

I understand that my failure to do so will
result in review by the YOUTH
SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE Board and may
result in loss of chair assignment or
termination of membership.

- ☐ **2020-2021** Please note the year(s) you have been with YSDP by placing a
☐ **2019-2020** check mark for each performance year.
☐ **2018-2019**
☐ **2017-2018**
☐ **2016-2017**
☐ **2015-2016**
☐ **2014-2015**
☐ **2013-2014**
☐ **2012-2013**

Please Initial for each sections.

musician

_____ Code of Conduct
_____ Concert Dress
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_____ Rehearsal
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Print Musician Name

Musician's Signature

Date