

Spring 2012 Youth Orchestra Handbook

Calendar (all events take place at Trinity Community Church in Norwood):

Saturday, February 11:	Auditions	10:00 – 1:00	Saturday, April 21:	Rehearsal 8	10:00 – 12:30
Saturday, February 18:	NO REHEARSAL (School Vacation)		Saturday, April 28:	Rehearsal 9	10:00 – 12:30
Saturday, February 25:	Rehearsal 1	10:00 – 12:30	Saturday, May 5:	Rehearsal 10	10:00 – 12:30
Saturday, March 3:	Rehearsal 2	10:00 – 12:30	Saturday, May 12:	Rehearsal 11	10:00 – 12:30
Saturday, March 10:	Rehearsal 3	10:00 – 12:30	Saturday, May 19:	Rehearsal 12	10:00 – 12:30
Saturday, March 17:	Rehearsal 4	10:00 – 12:30	Saturday, May 26:	NO REHEARSAL (Memorial Wknd)	
Saturday, March 24:	Rehearsal 5	10:00 – 12:30	Saturday, June 2:	Rehearsal 13	10:00 – 12:30
Saturday, March 31:	Rehearsal 6	10:00 – 12:30	Friday, June 8:	DRESS REH.	4:00 – 6:00
Saturday, April 7:	Rehearsal 7	10:00 – 12:30	Saturday, June 9:	Brush Up	1:30 – 2:30
Saturday, April 14:	NO REHEARSAL (School Vacation)			CONCERT	3:00

Arrival and Attendance Policies:

- Musicians are allowed two (2) absences from rehearsals; arriving late or leaving early counts as ½ rehearsal. Director must be informed of absence in advance, except in unavoidable cases such as illness.
- Early is On-time; On-time is Late; Late is Unacceptable! Musicians should arrive 15 minutes in advance of rehearsal to set up and get tuned .
- Attendance at any “Dress Rehearsal” and/or brush-up rehearsal the day of the concert is mandatory.
- All members of the Youth Orchestra must be a member in good standing of the member's school's instrumental program, if such program is offered by the member's school. However, a member may petition the Director, for, in limited circumstances, relief from this requirement. The Director shall have the sole discretion of determining relief, and the decision shall be final.

Preparation and Equipment:

- It is expected that members be enrolled in private lessons on their instrument during the orchestra season. Students should take their orchestra music to lessons and ask for help from their private instructor, as well as practice at home throughout the week.
- Use the music folder provided.
- Bring your stand, folder and a pencil to all rehearsals. Each member MUST bring a music stand to every rehearsal.
- Notes may be made lightly on music with PENCIL only.
- Any tears should be repaired with clear tape.
- A music replacement fee may be charged when:
 - Music is non returnable due to excessive damage, markings, etc.
 - Replacement music is requested.
 - Rented, purchased, or borrowed music is lost.

Conduct:

- Talking and disruptive activity is not tolerated during rehearsals or concerts. Cell phones should remain OFF.
- Food, drink, or gum is not permitted in the rehearsal/concert area.
- Common courtesy should be demonstrated at all times.
- Rehearsal/concert facilities and equipment should be respected at all times.
- Conductors, orchestra members, staff & parent volunteers are to be respected at all times.
- Instruments and other equipment must be cared for properly.

Concert Attire (Men):

- Black dress slacks
- White long sleeve dress shirt (button front) or white polo-style shirt
- Black socks
- Black dress shoes

Concert Attire (Ladies):

- Black skirt (NO shorter than mid-calf) OR black dress slacks
- White short or long sleeve dress shirt – no bare shoulders
- Black dress shoes or sandals; no heels higher than 1 inch

The following are not allowed: Jeans, shorts, flip flops, sneakers or athletic clothes, distracting jewelry or hair accessories, perfume/cologne

In case of bad weather, students should check the website: "music.hilliar.com" for updated notices of cancellations.

Cancellation decisions will be made and posted no later than 8:30 AM on rehearsal Saturdays.

Tuition: For participation in the Youth Orchestra, families will pay a tuition fee of \$200 per child. This fee will cover costs of rehearsal space rental, director pay, music purchases, advertising, etc. Tuition must be paid on or before the date of the first rehearsal, February 25, 2012. Checks should be made payable to "Hilliar Music". Tuition payments are non-refundable.

Financial Assistance: Families enrolling more than one child may be eligible for a discount of 25% per child. Please contact the director for more information.

Other Information: The policies and guidelines listed above will help our group operate in the manner of professional musicians, thus bestowing our members with an opportunity to develop a sense of musical camaraderie, strong work ethic, and a gratifying performance experience.

Any questions or comments should be directed to:

Mrs. Emily Hilliar, Director
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I have read, understand, and will adhere to the policies contained in the Spring 2012 Youth Orchestra Handbook.

Child's Name: _____ Child's Signature: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Signature: _____