



**Sinfonietta Strings
Concert and Symphony Orchestras
Concert and Symphony Ensembles**

Membership Guide

2018 - 2019

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 THE YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE

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.

Sinfonietta Strings

Sinfonietta Strings members are talented younger musicians who have at least 3 years on their instrument with private instruction. The ensemble provides advanced training and ensemble experience for younger musicians playing with proficiency for advanced orchestral performance. Private teacher recommendations required.

Concert Orchestra

Concert Orchestra members are advanced middle and high school musicians along with talented younger musicians who have at least 3 years on their instrument with private instruction and playing with proficiency for advanced orchestral performance.

Symphony Orchestra

Symphony Orchestra members are advanced middle school and high school age musicians who have more than 3 years on their instruments with private instruction and ready to perform more advanced works.

Ensembles

YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE offers ensemble opportunities for students who wish to continue challenging themselves. Professional coaches guide out students thought their musical selections to help develop and refine their musical skills. Concert and public performances provide opportunities to showcase their talent and promote the YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE.

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.

MEMBERSHIP

Sinfonietta and Orchestra Auditions:

- ALL current and new member candidates must audition for each season.
- Auditions will be held in late April-early May before/after new members candidates have an opportunity to audition.
- Audition fee is \$25 and is not applied to the membership fee or refundable.
- Notifications of acceptance are given in early June via mail.
- Seat assignments will be made at the first rehearsal in September and can be reassigned during the concert season as deemed necessary by the conductor.

- **To returning members:**
 - Returning members have priority to re-audition for the next season.
 - Auditions will be held in later April-early May, before/after new member candidates has an opportunity to audition.
 - If you agree to return, you are required to pay the \$100 deposit immediately, to confirm your seat.

- You are also required to read the Membership Guide, complete the Membership Agreement Form (page 13) and return with your deposit.
 - **Until YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE receives your deposit, your position in an orchestra is not guaranteed.**
- **To new member candidates:**
 - Auditions will be held in April - May, before/after returning members have an opportunity to re-audition.
 - Audition fee is \$25 and is not applied to the membership fee.
 - If you are accepted and agree to join YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE, you are required to pay the \$100 deposit immediately to confirm your seat.
 - You are also required to read the Membership Guide, complete the Membership agreement form (page 13) and return with your deposit.
 - **Until YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE receives your deposit, your position in an orchestra is not guaranteed.**
- YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE may hold Fall Auditions if it is determined there are openings in specific sections within the orchestras.

Ensemble Auditions

- Auditions will be held in September after orchestra rehearsals begin.
- Auditions will be held for the formation of string, brass, and wind ensembles for Concert and Symphony members. A final decision to form a specific ensemble will be based on the audition results and then the number of musicians needed to form each ensemble.
- Ensemble rehearsals will be held the same evening as orchestra rehearsals.
- Ensemble members must be prepared to commit to the ensemble for the entire year
- Ensemble performances will be held during concerts, plus there will be opportunities to perform at public venues.

TUITION

- Acceptance letters will be mailed by June 10, 2018. **Member form and at least ½ tuition must be paid to and received by YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE by July 1, 2018** to retain seat in the orchestra. **\$100 of the tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable.** If no payment has been received, you will be removed from our roster.
- The membership fee and payment schedule for the 2018-19 season is:

Orchestra Tuition

| Tuition/ Payment schedule | Sinfonietta Strings | Concert | Symphony |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Tuition (can be paid in full) | \$400 | \$400 | \$500 |
| June 10 | Acceptance Mailed | Acceptance Mailed | Acceptance Mailed |
| July 1 | \$200 | \$200 | \$250 |
| August 1 | Full Payment Due | Full Payment Due | Full Payment Due |

- **FULL TUITION PAYMENT IS DUE by August 1. Tuition can be paid in full upon acceptance into the orchestra or in accordance with the above outlined pay schedule.**
- The YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE Board must approve any other payment schedule, if requested.
- All payments are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- If a musician chooses to leave after the season begins, their tuition is non-refundable.
- No Refunds will be offered in the event there are changes in music directors, conductors, management, etc. The YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DUPAGE Board is responsible for hiring qualified personnel.
- Membership includes the following: Per musician as paid by tuition
 - Two (2) tickets to both the Fall and Spring concerts (\$40 value)
 - Two (2) tickets to the Winter Benefit Concert (\$30 value).

Ensemble Tuition

| Tuition/ Payment schedule | Concert Ensembles | Symphony Ensembles |
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| Tuition (can be paid in full) | \$250 | \$250 |
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| Before October 1 | Acceptance Mailed | Acceptance Mailed |
| November 5 | \$125 | \$125 |
| November 18 (no later than first concert) | Full Payment Due | Full Payment Due |

- **FULL TUITION PAYMENT IS DUE by November 18. Tuition can be paid in full upon acceptance into the ensemble or in accordance with the above outlined pay schedule.**
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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**
- **To report an absence**, go to YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE web site (www.ysdp.org) > Membership > Rehearsal Absence Report > and 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.
- 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

Attend ALL scheduled rehearsals.

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

Orchestra Rehearsal Times

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| Sinfonietta Strings | 5:20 PM to 6:20 PM |
| Concert | 6:25 PM to 7:25 PM |
| Symphony | 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM |

Ensemble Rehearsal Times

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Concert Ensembles | 5:20 PM to 6:20 PM |
| Symphony Ensembles | 6:25 PM to 7:25 PM |

- Arrive 15 minutes early to be prepared for the “downbeat”
- Call time does NOT mean arrival time. Be seated and in tune at call.
- PAY ATTENTION to all instruction as it affects the whole orchestral experience.
- No gum chewing, socializing, cell phone usage or eating during rehearsal.
- Work on music at home and come prepared to play as an orchestra member.
- PERFECT YOUR MUSIC THROUGH PRACTICE AND INSTRUCTION!

CONCERTS

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

Dates: Sunday, November 18, 2018 3:00 pm
Sunday, February 24, 2019 3:00 pm
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 7:30 pm

- 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 repair prior to arrival. Strings musicians should have replacement stings 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.

CONCERT DRESS

Concert dress is enforced – i.e. any 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE is planning on hosting a day for new dress orders and re-sales, at a date to be determined.
- **GENTLEMEN**
 - 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 socks
 - NO ankle high black socks.
 - NO casual shoes (tennis shoes, flip-flops, boots, etc.)

YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE PUBLICITY (Video/Photography/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.

CONCERTO COMPETITION

We encourage all members to participate in our Concerto Competition, usually held late 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.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers are essential in the running of our orchestra and help YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE keep tuition low. Volunteer sheets will be at the MANDATORY PARENT MEETING on SEPTEMBER 17, 2018, which is during our second YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DUPAGE rehearsal

We need volunteers in the following areas

- Attendance (both Concert and Symphony)
- Concert Ushers
- “Men-in-Black” – stage management during concerts
- Concerto Competition assistance
- Ads / Publicity
- Auditions

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.

COMMUNICATION

YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE Website: **www.ysdp.org**

YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE email: **info@ysdp.org**

Report an Absence: **www.ysdp.org > Membership > Rehearsal Absence Report**

Rehearsal and concert information will be available on YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE’s web site. In addition, YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE distributes weekly email newsletters to all members with important notices and any last minute changes to the schedule. Questions, comments, attendance issues, etc can be emailed or discussed with any board member during rehearsals.

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

Executive Board

President Lisa O'Brien
Co-Vice Presidents Don Mitchell and Shirley Sze
Secretary Jo Ann Foss
Co-Treasurers Sharenda Barlar and Kay Burdi
Office Manager Annalise Hausman

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| Attendance | Annalise Hausman | Web Master | Aleks Rodavic, Kay Burdi, Scott Mitchell |
| Tickets Sales | Annalise Hausman | Concerto Comp | Annalise Hausmen Lisa O'Brien |
| Librarian | Jo Ann Foss | Facilities | Lisa O'Brien |
| Marketing/Ads | Shirley Sze | Concert stage | Don Mitchell |
| Historian | Jo Ann Foss | Auditions | Annalise Hausman |

Dr. Mark Liu, music director/conductor, is also a member of the governing board. As board positions become vacant from time to time, parents will be needed to fill those positions.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING WHEN A VACANCY IS PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP.

AGAIN, WE WELCOME YOU TO YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DUPAGE!



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YOUTH SYMPHONY OF DuPAGE
Member Agreement

- 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.

Please **INITIAL** each of the following to confirm that you have read/agree with each section.

| musician | parent | Section | musician | parent | section |
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| _____ | _____ | Code of Conduct | _____ | _____ | Concert Dress |
| _____ | _____ | Attendance | _____ | _____ | Publicity |
| _____ | _____ | Tuition | _____ | _____ | Parent Volunteers |
| _____ | _____ | Rehearsal | _____ | _____ | School Participation |
| _____ | _____ | Concerts | _____ | _____ | Communications |

 Print Musician Name

 Musician's Signature

 Date

 Print Parent Name

 Parent's Signature

 Date