



2017-2018 Handbook

Welcome to our new season and another great year with Salem Youth Symphony!

Bring to every rehearsal

1. Instrument and accessories, like reeds, rosin, etc.
(Come to rehearsal even if you do not have your instrument)
2. Orchestra music distributed by conductors
3. Sharpened pencils - a musician's necessity
4. Folder for music provided by conductor

Communications

Website: www.salemyouthsymphony.org. Please check on the day of rehearsal for any changes.
Emails are sent to the addresses provided on the Player Profile and Enrollment forms, but these might not cover all the information on the website.

Attendance

Members are expected to attend every rehearsal. Each musician's presence is important to the experience of the entire orchestra. However, conflicts occasionally arise. If you need to perform in a school concert at the same time as an SYSA rehearsal, the school music event has priority.

Fill out an Absence Form on our website, or email Joyce Epp, manager, at info@salemyouthsymphony.org with the date and reason for the absence. In addition, you may verbally notify your conductor. It is important to notify us *in advance* about any absence so that the conductors can plan accordingly.

For last minute illnesses or emergencies, call or text **Joyce Epp** at **503-485-2244** and call your conductor:

Mozart Players: call Ms. Ward at 503-399-9553.

Amadeus Players: call **Ms. Ward** at **503-399-9553**.

Philharmonia members: call **Mr. Harris-Clippinger** at **503-383-8953**.

Youth Symphony members: call **Mr. Harris-Clippinger** at **503-383-8953**

If a musician misses more than two rehearsals during one semester, he/she needs to meet with the conductor (participation in the concert is at the discretion of the conductor). Music for the concerts is prepared in just eleven or twelve regular rehearsals. Five important sectionals with professional coaches contribute to each musician's technique as well as the group performance.

Conduct

- Arrive about 10 minutes early so that you are in your seat with all necessary equipment (including pencils), warmed up, and ready to play at the start of the rehearsal.
- Come to rehearsals musically prepared.
- Conduct yourself in a respectful manner toward the conductor and fellow musicians.
- Do not eat, drink, or chew gum during rehearsals or concerts.
- Remain in designated areas during breaks.
- Understand the Attendance requirements.
Failure to follow the policies may be grounds for dismissal without refund of tuition.

Tuition for 2017-2018

Tuition may be paid in full in the fall (preferred) or in two or four installments.

Please complete the Enrollment Form on our website to indicate your preferred method.

	Full (Oct. 15)	If 2 installments (Oct. 15, Feb. 15)	If 4 installments (Oct. 15, Nov. 15, Feb 15, March 15)
Mozart	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$62.50
Amadeus	\$330.00	\$165.00	\$82.50
Philharmonia	\$350.00	\$175.00	\$87.50
Youth Symphony	\$350.00	\$175.00	\$87.50

Limited tuition assistance is available. The application is on our website.

Raffle fundraiser: Each family is expected to participate in this important budget contribution. Raffle tickets worth \$50 (\$25 Mozart Players) may be sold to others or purchased by family. Watch for details for this one fundraiser. Prize drawings at the spring concert.

Volunteer requirement

We ask each family to provide at least two hours of volunteer work per musician per year. Some of our parents serve many more hours. Alternatively, you can donate \$50 per musician (tax deductible). Thank you for your help in providing an excellent orchestral experience!

Please use the online Log Book on our website "Forms" to record your volunteer time. The purpose is to demonstrate to potential granting agencies how much our families contribute to SYS.

Photos/Videos

Salem Youth Symphony often takes photos and videos for promotional use. Videos of the concerts are usually available for sale.

Emergency contact

In case of an emergency, when either there is not enough time or the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the student may receive medical treatment. Every reasonable effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian as soon as possible. Please give us any medical information on the online Enrollment Form that you would like us to be aware of.

Concert clothes

Mozart Players & Amadeus Players

Ladies: White dress blouse with 3/4 length sleeves or longer. Black dress slacks to ankle or skirt mid-calf or longer to cover the knees when seated. Black hosiery and black closed-toed shoes.

Gentlemen: White long-sleeved collared dress shirt. Black bow tie. Black dress slacks. Black closed-toed dress shoes with black socks.

Philharmonia and Youth Symphony

Ladies: All black. Tops must have sleeves. Long black dress, dress slacks to ankle or skirt mid-calf or longer with black dress blouse. Black hosiery and black closed-toed shoes.

Gentlemen: White long-sleeved collared dress shirt or tux shirt. Black bow tie. Black dress slacks. Black closed-toed dress shoes with black socks.

Philharmonia: Black jacket preferred or optional black vest. Youth Symphony: Black jacket required.

Important dates. See the Calendar on the website for complete rehearsal and events dates.

Winter Concert: December 10, 2017. Spring Concert: **April 29, 2018.**

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