



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 updates.

Emails are sent to the addresses provided on the Player Profile and Enrollment forms.

Information which you are expected to know is sent out weekly.

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

Enrollment Form online includes a place to indicate the option that works best for you.

	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 (due October 16, 2017).

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 in fall for this one fundraiser with drawings at the spring concert.

Volunteer requirement

In order to keep tuition as low as possible, we rely on volunteers to help with many aspects of our program. 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 each year. Alternatively, you can donate \$50 per musician (tax deductible). Thank you for your help in providing an excellent orchestral experience for our musicians!

You can either sign the Log Book binder or use the online Log Book on our website to record your volunteer time. The purpose of the Log Book is a record for potential grants. Thank you!

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 Enrollment Form that you would like us to be aware of.

Concert clothes

Mozart Players & Amadeus Players

Girls: White top with 3/4 length or longer sleeves. Black pants or skirt that covers the knees when seated. Black closed-toe shoes.

Boys: White long sleeve, button-down shirt. Black bow tie. Black pants. Black closed-toe shoes, black socks.

Philharmonia & Youth Symphony

Girls: Head to toe black outfit. No sleeveless. If wearing a skirt or dress, it should cover the knees when seated. Black closed-toe shoes.

Boys: White long sleeve, button-down shirt. Black bow tie. Black pants. Black closed-toe shoes, black socks. Black vest or jacket optional.

Important dates

Winter Concert: December 10, 2017. Spring Concert: April TBD, 2018.

