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ORCHESTRA HANDBOOK

Statement of Purpose

It shall be the purpose of the Newark-Granville Youth Symphony to afford a high quality musical experience for its young musicians, and to provide the opportunity to perform for the benefit of the community regardless of race, creed, and economic circumstances.

Membership

The Newark-Granville Youth Symphony invites all symphony musicians in grades 8 - 12 to audition for membership.

The Newark-Granville Chamber Strings invites string musicians in grades 5 – 9 to audition for membership.

- ❖ Membership in the orchestra shall be decided through an audition. Playing ability and balance of instrumentation shall be the determining factors in the selection of members.
- ❖ All orchestra members are required to participate in their school instrumental music programs.
- ❖ All orchestra members are encouraged to take private music lessons.

Attendance Policy

In keeping with the purpose of the NGYS and NGCS is to provide a quality musical experience for its members, all students are responsible to their colleagues, themselves, and ultimately to the music itself. Therefore, once selected to become a member of the orchestra, it is the responsibility of each member to:

- ❖ Attend all rehearsals and performances.
- ❖ Arrive at all rehearsals in time to warm-up.
- ❖ Have prepared the music before each rehearsal.
- ❖ Turn in absence forms promptly.

It is this type of serious commitment to the ensemble that will help to ensure a quality musical experience for all members of the orchestra. It is, however, understood that there may be conflicts as a result of illness, death in the family, or school/religious related activity.

Rules and Responsibilities

- ❖ You are expected to be in your seat warming up no fewer than fifteen (15) minutes before the time a given rehearsal or performance is scheduled to begin.
- ❖ Each player is issued a folder and music. It is the player's responsibility to take the folder and music home to practice and to bring the folder and music to every rehearsal.
- ❖ You are required to have a pencil with you at all times.
- ❖ Proper behavior is expected at all times.
- ❖ An Absence Form must be filled out and turned in **at least one week in advance** for any and all absences. In cases of an illness or a death in the family, the absence form must be turned in at the next rehearsal. Please return the completed form to Mrs. Susan Larson.
- ❖ Consult your weekly memo after each rehearsal.
- ❖ No refreshments are allowed in rehearsal rooms/concert halls.
- ❖ No member is allowed to leave the grounds during breaks.
- ❖ If for any reason a NGYS member is not to return to the group after an outing, it is necessary to inform the director(s) in writing and in advance.
- ❖ All music contained in the folder is the personal responsibility of the player. It is each player's responsibility to report missing music to the librarian immediately. Player will be charged for lost copies.

Concert Dress

In order to provide a professional and uniform appearance, the following dress code is required for concerts. Any attire which detracts from the music is considered unacceptable. **Deviation from the following dress code may result in a player not being allowed to participate in a given performance.** Decisions in this regard are at the discretion of the NGYS staff. Please observe the following guidelines:

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| Boys: | Black pants, a long sleeve black shirt, black socks, and black shoes. No tee-shirts. |
| Girls: | Long black dress/long black skirt (to top of shoes) or long black dress pants, black long-sleeved blouse to collarbone, black socks or hose, and black shoes.
No black jeans or skirts with slits. |

Fees

All fees associated with the NGYS and NGCS are **non-refundable**.

Rehearsals are conducted at the
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