



2018 - 2019

YOUTH SYMPHONY
PRELUDE STRINGS
HANDBOOK

Vision Statement

The Tennessee Youth Symphony envisions young people achieving their fullest potential educationally, musically and socially while enriching their lives and positively influencing their families and communities. We seek to preserve musical tradition while embracing the present and shaping the future.

Mission Statement

The Tennessee Youth Symphony seeks to encourage musical excellence by providing superior musical training and a variety of performance opportunities for young musicians in Williamson County and surrounding areas. We believe that playing music together supports community among diversity enriching the lives of young people while encouraging a lifelong love of the arts.

www.TennesseeYouthSymphony.org

TYS Participation Agreement

The Tennessee Youth Symphony and Prelude Strings have a reputation of providing quality musical opportunities and instruction to its participants and the community. It is imperative that members of the orchestras, as well as their families, are well informed in regards to the policies and procedures necessary to continue to provide this type of learning environment.

A. Attendance

Students are permitted to miss up to 3 full rehearsals per semester. If a student is absent for more than 3 full rehearsals, he/she will not perform in the concert. If it is necessary for a student to miss a rehearsal, the student/parent should email their orchestra conductor **PRIOR** to the rehearsal. All absences should be sent to the conductors in writing.

B. Promptness

Students are expected to arrive 10-15 minutes before the rehearsal in order to be unpacked and ready to play at the rehearsal start time.

C. Performance

Participants are expected to attend all scheduled performances. An unexcused absence from a concert will result in removal from the orchestra.

D. Parts/Chair Seating

Conductors have final decisions in placement of students in groups, chair seating, part selection, etc. Student chairs may be adjusted for inadequate musical preparation, tardiness or unexcused absences.

E. Name and Likeness

The TYS/Prelude Strings has permission to use a student's name and likeness as needed, which includes (but is not limited to) the TYS website, Facebook fan page, marketing and promotional materials, photography, video recordings, sound recordings, podcasts, etc.

F. Tuition

Tuition is \$300.00 per student per year due by the time of audition or by the parent meeting for new students. Tuition for families with multiple students is \$300 for the first student and \$250 for each additional student. All accounts must be paid in full to participate in any TYS trip or ensemble.

The Tennessee Youth Symphony reserves the right to dismiss any student due to frequent absences, frequent tardiness, lack of interest or progress, behavioral problems and/or failure to abide by Orchestra Policies.

Rehearsal Schedule

The Tennessee Youth Symphony and Prelude Strings will rehearse every Monday evening (unless noted below) from September to April.

Parent Meeting - August 27th, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

First Rehearsal - September 10th.

Times

Prelude Strings rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

Youth Symphony rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

Location

John Overton High School (Overton)

4820 Franklin Pike, Nashville, TN 37220

Special Dates - Fall Semester:

- Sunday, December 2nd - YS and Prelude Strings Winter Performance: 4 PM at Belmont University McAfee Concert Hall
- Dec. 4th - Jazz/Rock Performance at Nashville State Community College
- No rehearsals after the December performance, rehearsals resume in January

Special Dates - Spring Semester:

- January 7th - Rehearsals resume
- January 21th - MLK Holiday, NO REHEARSAL
- March 11th - Spring Break, NO REHEARSAL
- May 6th - Spring Performance 7 PM @ Belmont University, McAfee Concert Hall
- May 13th - Senior Recognition Banquet 6-8 PM
- No rehearsals after the May performance
- TYS Auditions - End of May beginning of June. All current Prelude Strings and TYS students are asked to audition for 2019-2020 Orchestra season.

Complete schedule and event calendar available at tnys.org/calendar.

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

Please check your email or the Tennessee Youth Symphony Facebook Page by 3:00 PM on the day of rehearsal for any last minute announcements or cancellations.

Jazz Rock Ensemble

The Jazz/Rock Ensemble is open to Youth Symphony Musicians who are interested in studying and performing Jazz and Rock styles. This ensemble is also open to non-orchestra members who play instruments that are not normally in the orchestra (for example, electric guitar, electric bass, etc.). Jazz/Rock students have opportunities to perform in community events, specialty concerts, and in the spring, have the experience of participating in a recording session in a professional recording studio. Instrumentalists and vocalists interested in participating in this ensemble should sign-up at the parent meeting and will be contacted to schedule an audition. This ensemble rehearses on Monday evenings from 5:00 – 6:15 PM prior to the Youth Symphony rehearsals. Jazz Rock tuition is \$75 per semester. Students are expected to attend rehearsals and adhere to the same attendance policies detailed above for all TYS Ensembles.

Concert Attire

Prelude Strings

Gentlemen: A white-collared dress shirt (no tie), black pants, black shoes & black socks.

Ladies: A white dress shirt, black pants/skirt (skirt must be to ankles), black shoes, black socks or black hose.

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Gentlemen: A **Basic Tuxedo Package** from Tuxedo Wholesaler, black socks and black dress shoes.

Please visit www.tuxedowholesaler.com (800-828-2802) to order the items below:

Basic Tuxedo Package - Select notch lapel and pleated pants

Total: \$89.50 plus s/h

We suggest you visit a local tuxedo shop to be professionally measured to get the best fit before placing your order. Measurements needed include: neck and sleeve, waist, outseam, chest and overarm (or a jacket size such as 38R). All pants will need to be hemmed by a person of your choosing, so please order with delivery time in mind.

Ladies: A formal **Velvet Flocked Chiffon** black dress (must be ordered from the company below), black dress shoes/sandals (no flip flops).

Please visit www.formalfashionsinc.com or call (800-528-7909) to order your dress.

Stock # 4966TC Velvet Flocked Chiffon

Bust, waist, and hip measurements needed for you to compare to the size chart on their company's website.

Total: \$69 plus s/h

All dresses will need to be hemmed by a person of your choosing, so please order with delivery time in mind.

Communication / Contact

Please continue to check the TYS website: www.TennesseeYouthSymphony.org where you will find the latest orchestra news, upcoming concert information, photos and much more! You can also find us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook!

Please contact your orchestra director or board members if you have any questions, ideas, or comments.

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We look forward to a great year!