



MMYO

Mid Maine Youth Orchestra

2020-2021 Information Sheet

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ARE CURRENTLY IN PLACE

Auditions: Auditions for the 2020-2021 Season will be recorded auditions that you upload to MMYO. The deadline to upload your recording will be Saturday, November 7th. (Guidelines will be sent out.)

- Auditions require a \$20.00 fee. You will receive feedback from our adjudicators and we will seat a full orchestra ensemble.
- There are openings in all string sections.
- Wind, brass and percussion seats include: 2-3 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 bassoons, 2-3 clarinets, 2-3 trumpets, 2-4 horns, 2-3 percussionists (1 timpani).
- Trombones and tubas are encouraged to audition, but will be used only if a complete brass section can be filled.
- Students should perform approximately 2 minutes of a classical solo or etude that will demonstrate their best ability and musicianship.
- Students enrolled in grades 7-12 are eligible for membership (age 12 by 10/15/2020), and must be a member in good standing in their school music (band for winds/percussion or orchestra for strings) program (if there is one). The music teacher is required to sign the audition application.
- Upon acceptance to MMYO, string students will be asked to submit the following tuition fee: \$50-\$70 depending on our facility costs. **In person rehearsals for winds and percussion are currently on hold.**

Rehearsals: String orchestra rehearsals (not including winds and percussion) will begin with two (2) rehearsals scheduled for **December 2nd** at Belgrade and **December 9th** at Farmington. All rehearsals are from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The rehearsal site will rotate between the Center for All Seasons in Belgrade and St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Farmington. Weekly rehearsals will resume **January 6th, 2021**. Both parents and students are required to sign the audition application and attendance contract to ensure a commitment to the rehearsal schedule. Please refer to the 2nd page of this packet to check for any conflicts that you may have with other scheduled activities. Such conflicts need to be discussed with the director ASAP. Conflicts, other than your school's music department performances, may not be accepted by the directors. Students missing more than one rehearsal for any reason may be removed from the ensemble. Instructions for inclement weather will be discussed at the first rehearsal.

Concerts: Mid Maine Youth Orchestra will perform two (2) public concerts. Students are **required** to perform in both concerts. Both students and parents are required to sign the audition application to ensure a commitment to the concert schedule. Concerts will be held on Friday, **February 26th** at 7:00 pm in TBA (**Snow date: February 27th**) and on Sunday, **February 28th** (**Snow date: March 7th**) at 3:00 pm in TBA. More information on arrival time and concert dress will be provided at a later date.

Parents: There will be a mandatory virtual parent meeting scheduled TBA. *A parent/guardian **is required** to attend this meeting.* The success of this orchestra truly depends on our volunteer parent group. There is so much to do and it is a lot fun to be involved! Please find below a list of things that need to be accomplished before our concert dates in February. Please consider how you can help and bring your thoughts, ideas and talents to the meeting! Thanks for all that you do!

- Rehearsal refreshments (also needs a chairperson from each school to organize the snacks/drinks and paper ware, etc.)
- Pizza Party Committee, Concert Refreshment Committee, Ice Cream Social Committee
- Rehearsal site set up: chairs, stands and clean up (needed at both schools)
- Fold and distribute concert programs
- Concert assistance: set up/ break down crew, helping to move percussion instruments (need a truck/van), etc.
- MMYO Tee-shirts/Sweatshirts
- Publicity: programs, poster design and distribution for concert; radio, newspaper

MMYO 2020–2021 Calendar of Events

Rehearsals: String Orchestra will meet from 6:30-8:30pm. Please arrive 15 minutes before your rehearsal time to warm up and tune. Occasionally, sectionals will begin early.

2020	Dec. 2	Belgrade	TBA ***Parent Meeting scheduled***
	Dec. 9	Farmington	TBA ***Parent Meeting scheduled***
2021	Jan. 6	Belgrade	
	Jan. 13	Farmington	
	Jan. 20	Belgrade	
	Jan. 27	Farmington	
	Feb. 3	Belgrade	
	Feb. 10	Farmington	
	Feb. 17	Vacation- NO Rehearsal	
	Feb. 24	Oakland (5pm pictures, Rehearsal) (Times Subject to Change) ***Dress Rehearsal in the TBA	

Concerts: Concert dress is All Black (slacks, long sleeve shirt, shoes, socks)
(Call Times Subject to Change)

Friday, February 26, 7:00 pm (Snow date: February 27)	Concert site TBA ***Students will rehearse prior to the concert
Sunday, February 28, 3:00 pm (Snow date: March 7)	Concert site TBA *Rehearsal at 1:00 pm*

****PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS!****

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