

Fall 2020 COVID Plan

Auditions

- If you are in the Philharmonic Orchestra and wish to remain in the Philharmonic Orchestra, no auditions are required. You will simply come to the first rehearsal August 23.
- If you are in the Philharmonic Orchestra and wish to audition to move up to Symphonic, you will audition. Fill out form online. Audition music will be provided to you. Auditions will be held August 23.
- If you are in the Symphonic Orchestra and wish to remain in the Symphonic Orchestra, no auditions are required. You will simply come to the first rehearsal August 23.
- If you have friends who wish to audition, YES PLEASE! We love welcoming new students.
- Audition application is located here. It is linked on the website as well.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScziAH0aXhLvNuz5_9KsEQBQYmnY897LYQGxcjUHIntMW-mQ/viewform

Rehearsals

- Rehearsals will be held at The Forum (2120 Speedway). This decision was made to locate in larger rooms than are available at MSU so that students can be spaced out safely.
- All students must enter through the front door where volunteers will scan temperatures, provide hand sanitizer, and check that everyone is wearing a mask. Parents, please do not leave the premises until your student has been admitted to the rehearsal.
- Students will have a specific place to leave instrument cases so we can control traffic and eliminate kids bunching up.
- Strings students will be seated 6 feet apart. Wind students will be spaced further, according to the needs of each instrument.
- Staff and students will wear masks at all possible times during rehearsal.
- We are in the process of obtaining split masks and bell covers for wind players.
- Students will bring their own music stands to avoid cross contamination. A discounted group purchase is being arranged and details will be provided if you wish to take advantage of it.
- When rehearsals are over, we will file out, minimizing chances for cross contamination).

Scheduling

- Rehearsal times will be staggered so that Philharmonic and Symphonic students will not all be arriving at the same time.
- The fall season will begin Aug 23 and run straight through with weekly rehearsals (no Labor Day break) until the fall concert.
- Following the fall concert, we will break until the spring season. During this time, we can evaluate how the plan went, listen to your feedback, and adapt as needed for the spring.

Volunteers

- Parent volunteers will be needed at every rehearsal. This means **all of you** need to be involved in a real way.
- Each week, volunteers will be needed to set up for rehearsals, to man the check-in tables with thermometers and hand sanitizer, and to help clean up afterwards.

Performances

- For maximum safety and audience spacing, our fall concert is being planned outdoors. November 1 is our current date. Circle that on the calendar and more details will be shared as soon as they're confirmed.
- Seriously, the outdoor concert will be cool. It opens up fun new possibilities.

Student fees/Refunds

- Student fees have been frozen and will remain the same as last year. \$150 for the year.
- Understanding that many families are facing financial hardships, scholarships are available. You will NOT be turned away for inability to pay the fees.
- If the season is halted and the YSO is paused for the pandemic, student fees will be refunded based on the amount of the season left unplayed.

Flexibility

- We will continue to monitor all current research as it becomes available and use all available strategies for keeping you safe.
- We will communicate with you if changes are needed due to evolving circumstances.
- If changes are needed (for rehearsal location, structure, or anything else), we will adapt and keep improving.



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