

Fayette Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, Inc.

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Symphonic Orchestra

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Dear Parents and Students:

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Fayette Philharmonic Youth Orchestras. The Fayette Philharmonic is a community based string orchestra that is committed to providing talented young musicians the opportunity to expand their musical training and create a lifelong partnership with the arts. It is our belief that the value of providing our youth with creative outlets cannot be overstated; a youth orchestra will not only develop good musicians, but also create good citizens. The FPYO will provide the proper setting for young musicians to develop socially and affords each musician the criteria to practice and perfect life skills, as well as master musical skills. The Fayette Philharmonic Youth Sinfonia Orchestra is primarily for middle school students and this orchestra will act as a preparatory orchestra for the Symphonic Orchestra. Membership in both orchestras is based on an audition process which includes scales, arpeggios, excerpts and sight reading.

AUDITIONS: Audition fees are \$15 and auditions will be held on **Thursday September 5th at JC Booth Middle School, 250 Peachtree Pkwy, Peachtree City, GA 30269. All students (new and returning) must audition.** You will need to register online at www.fpyo.org and you can either mail in \$15 audition fee or bring it with you to the audition.

REHEARSALS: Unless stated, rehearsals will be on Monday nights at JC Booth MS. The **first rehearsal will be Monday, September 9th.** The Sinfonia and Symphonic Orchestras will rehearse from 6:00-7:30 pm. **There will be a short mandatory parent's meeting at 6:00pm on Monday, September 9th.**

PARTICIPATION FEES: If selected to perform with the Fayette Philharmonic Youth Orchestras, there will be a participation fee of \$125 for the Sinfonia Orchestra and \$150 for the Symphonic Orchestra. These fees will be due at the first rehearsal. (Please note there are participation fee scholarships available for stagehands and a student librarian in both orchestras.)

UNIFORMS: Sinfonia and Symphonic Orchestra girls will need a black, floor-length gown with sleeves. Sinfonia Orchestra boys will need black pants, white tuxedo shirt, and black bow tie. Symphonic Orchestra boys will need a black tuxedo. Black dresses, tuxedo shirts, and bow ties can be ordered through the FPYO if necessary. Measurements will be taken on September 16, and money will be due at that time.

CONCERTS: Fall concert is scheduled for Tuesday November 19th and Spring concert is scheduled for Tuesday April 21st, 2020. Dress Rehearsal will take place the night before the concert. A special fundraiser concert "For the Love of Music" is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2020. Proceeds will be used for student scholarships for music lessons, camps, and performances.

COMMITMENT: Students will be given a copy of the rehearsal/performance schedule at the first rehearsal. Students will be allowed to miss up to two rehearsals per concert but missing more than the stated number of rehearsals or needing to miss a mandatory rehearsal **requires advanced permission.** Failure to receive permission may result in not being allowed to perform with the orchestra nor any refund of participation fees. Please note that participation in the Fayette Philharmonic Youth Orchestras, both Sinfonia and Symphonic, is a **yearlong commitment** and if selected to perform with the orchestra, students will commit to the entire year. ***Please consider this commitment before auditioning for the orchestra.***

We are truly excited about the Fayette Philharmonic Youth Orchestras and hope you will be inspired to become a member of this group. Over the last seven years we have achieved tremendous success, and we hope to continue this success as we grow and mature. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions at fayettephilharmonic@gmail.com.

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