

The Jackson Symphony Youth Orchestra

2010-2011 Handbook

An educational project of



Purpose and Goals

The Jackson Symphony Youth Orchestra will create the opportunity for students in West Tennessee to perform full and string orchestral literature in a setting centered on education and encouragement. We shall provide an equal opportunity to participate in all programs without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, economic status and physical challenges.

The goals of the program are as follows:

- to provide quality instruction and guidance from the conductor and clinicians to help each student realize their musical potential
- to provide a positive and supportive rehearsal atmosphere
- to introduce students to the exciting world of orchestral literature
- to musically stimulate and challenge each student
- to promote and develop each student's sense of responsibility, discipline, confidence and dedication to the ensemble
- to present outstanding public performances
- to introduce new audiences to classical music and to educate future supporters of the arts

Membership

Membership in the JSYO shall be decided through an audition. Playing ability and instrumentation needs in order to obtain a balanced orchestra are the determining factors in member selections. Auditions are required at the start of each season with past members required to re-audition each year.

Fees: The annual tuition for the JSYO is \$175 (\$135 per student for families with more than one student in the orchestra.) Please pay to the Symphony office by the first rehearsal on August 12. Your parents may want to pay in two installments (August and September with second payment due NLT Sept. 9; just have them mail their payment to the symphony office at the address given on the third page or they can drop it by the symphony office downtown. Payment can also be brought to the first rehearsal.

Membership fees are non-refundable.

Attendance

The quality of the entire program depends upon regular attendance at rehearsals. Membership in the JSYO is for the entire season. By accepting membership in the JSYO, each member is agreeing to meet obligations associated with all performances and rehearsals. Setting and honoring priorities is important and should be discussed and agreed upon with parents. If you choose to participate in the JSYO, you have set a priority and made a commitment to the organization.

When an absence is necessary due to school, church or family conflicts, written notification to the director is required as soon as possible. This notification may be given to the conductor or emailed to the conductor (danhornstein@hotmail.com).

Each member is allowed no more than two absences during each concert cycle, regardless of the reason. If a member has more than two absences during a concert cycle, the conductor will decide whether the member is prepared to perform in the upcoming concert.

**Any student who has more than two absences per concert cycle twice within a season
MAY BE DISMISSED FROM THE JACKSON SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA
FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.
The conductor's decision will be final.**

Absence from a performance is grounds for immediate dismissal from the youth orchestra.

Medical Leave may be implemented if a member has an acute medical problem or is recovering from surgery. In order to invoke medical leave, a signed doctor's note indicating the problem must be turned in to the conductor as soon as possible. The doctor's note should include the date you can resume playing your instrument.

Expectations

- each member is expected to arrive for rehearsal in time to properly warm-up and tune
- each member is expected to practice his/her music to work out technical passages at home in order for rehearsals to focus on ensemble issues
- each member is expected to have a pencil at every rehearsal
- each member must bring his/her music to every rehearsal and concert and return the music to the symphony once the performance is completed
- each member is expected to display proper behavior at all times
- each member is expected to accept his/her assigned part as decided by the conductor
- any questions, concerns or complaints should be brought to the conductor in a private, respectful manner

Concert Dress

For young men: Black pants, white shirt, black jacket, black bow tie, black socks and black shoes. No flip flops.

For young ladies: Black attire which must fall below the knee when seated and black shoes. No strapless or sleeveless dresses/tops. No flip flops.

Fundraising

The JSYO operates on a budget of approximately \$16,000. Since membership fees are only a fraction of this amount, additional fundraising is necessary in order to provide the ensemble and students needed sectionals, music purchases, equipment, scholarship opportunities, etc. Members and parents are expected to support the organization through fundraising efforts as organized by the Youth Orchestra Parent Organization and conductor. The fundraising goal for each student is \$200. **Students must meet this fundraising goal in order to be eligible to receive Jackson Symphony Youth Orchestra scholarships.**

Jackson Symphony Youth Orchestra Fundraising Goals are as follows:

1. to raise funds to continue to keep tuition as low as possible
2. to help each member build awareness of The Jackson Symphony Youth Orchestra in the community as a positive and enriching activity
3. to help each member build lifelong skills in volunteerism and charitable giving

Tours and Trips

The JSYO plans a trip every other year to be taken in the late spring. Participation in the trip is optional. Members will be assessed additional trip fees above and beyond the membership fee. Members will be offered the opportunity to raise money for the trip fees through fundraising. Any money in a student's travel account is considered property of the Jackson Symphony Youth Orchestra and is **non-refundable**. 2010-2011 is not a trip year. Travel account funds will carry over for the 2011-2012 trip.

Parental Support

Simply put, the Jackson Symphony Youth Orchestra can not exist without active parental support. Parents are encouraged to participate in the Youth Orchestra Parent Organization which helps the conductor organize fundraising events, provides food for students on concert days, moves equipment and assists with setting up for concerts and acts as a support outlet for the conductor. Most importantly, parents are encouraged to attend all performances by the Jackson Symphony Youth Orchestra. Parental involvement and support makes a tremendous impression on students.

Logistics and Communication

The Jackson Symphony Youth Orchestra rehearses on Thursday evenings from **6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.** in the band hall at Union University.

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Weather-related announcements will be posted on the website by 4:00 p.m. the day of rehearsal

2010-2011 Calendar

Dates and times are subject to change

All rehearsals are in the band room at Union University unless otherwise noted.

2010

Thursday, August 12	6:30 – 8:15 rehearsal 8:15-8:45 Parents Meeting
Thursday, August 19	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, August 26	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, September 2	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, September 9	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, September 16	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, September 23	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Sunday, September 26	2:30 PM Concerto Competition, location TBA
Thursday, September 30	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Saturday, October 2	3:00 – 5:00 Dress Rehearsal location TBA
Sunday, October 3	Concert 2:00 Warm up, tune 3:00 Concert William Grant Still: Pages from Negro History Webber/Custer: Selections from "The Phantom of the Opera" Beethoven: Symphony #8
Thursday, October 14	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, October 21	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, October 28	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, November 4	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, November 11	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, November 18	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, November 25	No rehearsal-Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, December 2	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Saturday, December 4	3:00 – 5:00 Dress Rehearsal Location TBA
Sunday, December 5	Concert 2:00 Warm up, tune 3:00 Concert

2011

Thursday, January 6	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, January 13	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, January 20	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, January 27	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, February 3	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, February 10	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, February 17	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, February 24	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
FEBRUARY-MARCH TBA	Chamber Music Fundraising concert-optional activity
Thursday, March 3	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, March 10	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
*Friday, March 11	6:30-8:30 (time subject to change) rehearsal with JSO
*Saturday, March 12	3:00-5:00 (time subject to change) rehearsal with JSO
Saturday, March 12	Side-by-Side Concert with JSO

*MUST attend these special rehearsals

Thursday, March 17	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal (subject to change)
Thursday, March 24	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal (subject to change)
Thursday, March 31	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, April 7	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, April 14	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, April 21	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, April 28	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Thursday, May 5	6:30 – 8:45 rehearsal
Saturday, May 7	3:00 – 5:00 Dress Rehearsal – location TBA
Sunday, May 8	Concert 2:00 Warm up, tune 3:00 Concert
May-TBA	Auditions for 2011-2012 season