



2016-2017 Santa Barbara Youth Symphony Policies and Rules

Seat Placement

Membership and seating is determined by audition. Musicians will be heard at the audition by a committee comprised of the Music Director and select professional musicians. Placement (or rotation) in any section does not indicate greater or lesser ability. The Music Director, in consultation with the audition committee, is responsible for selection and seating of the orchestra. Once the season has begun, new members are auditioned and selected at the discretion of the Music Director.

Tuition

Tuition for the Youth Symphony is due by September 19. Need-based scholarships are available. Please see orchestra application for scholarship process.

Attendance

For all absences and/or late arrivals, you must notify Amy Williams. If you know you will have a conflict of any sort, please submit these dates in writing as soon as possible.

Amy can be reached at (805) 898-8785 or amy@thesymphony.org.

You must attend all rehearsals for which you are scheduled. On your 3rd absence before any concert, you will lose any solos and your position in the orchestra. On your 4th absence you will not play the concert. Being tardy or missing part of a rehearsal twice will count as 1 missed rehearsal.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals will begin and end promptly. All musicians should arrive at least 10 minutes early to warm up. If any changes occur, then they will be announced at rehearsal and followed up with an email or phone call. A parent's email or phone number is required in order to ensure proper communication. Parents who do not stay for the rehearsal are asked to pick up their child in front of the rehearsal hall on time. The orchestra manager must stay until all members have been picked up, so please be respectful of her time. Music Academy of the West has requested us to please exit through the back parking lot onto Butterfly Lane then turn right to Channel Drive.

Rehearsals will be held from 6:00pm to 8:30pm Sunday evenings at:

- Hahn Hall at the Music Academy of the West (1070 Fairway Road)
- Notre Dame School (33 East Micheltorena Street)

Rules for rehearsals

1. There will be no food allowed inside the hall.
2. Only water bottles will be allowed on stage.
3. Celli and basses must bring something to protect the floor from your peg.
4. Those of you who produce spit must clean up after yourselves.
5. Temperature and lighting are always preset. Please do not touch the switches.
6. All electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, laptops, tablets, etc) will not be tolerated during rehearsal. Please leave it in your bag or case.
7. It is required that you have a pencil on your stand at all times.
8. Please pick up after yourself and keep the hall clean.

Performance Rules

1. The dress rehearsals are closed. (This means no parents, family members, teachers or friends may observe the dress rehearsal.)
2. Parents and other non-orchestra members are not allowed passed the Green Room.
3. Food is allowed in the Green Room.
4. Food is not allowed in the dressing rooms.
5. You must check-in at least 15 minutes before the concert.
6. Please do not leave anything valuable in your bag or case during the performance. Ask a parent or friend to hold your valuables.
7. You may leave your bag on stage during rehearsal, but it must be removed before the concert begins.
8. All cases must be left in the dressing rooms.
9. Dressing rooms are assigned by instrument or name.