

CLUB ORCHESTRAS

An El Sistema-inspired Program



**FORT WAYNE
PHILHARMONIC**
Andrew Constantine, Music Director

**STUDENT HANDBOOK
2023-2024 SEASON**



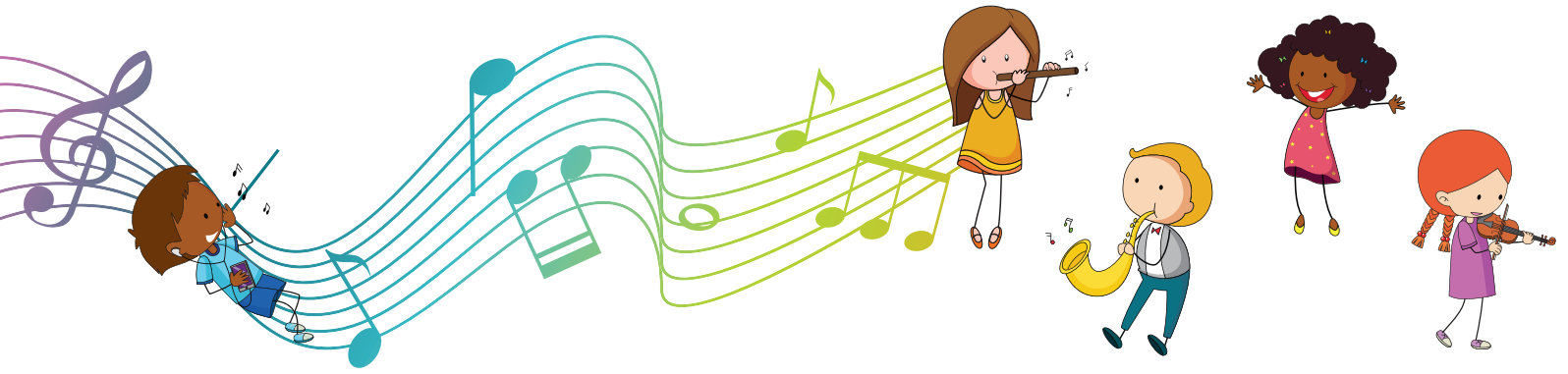


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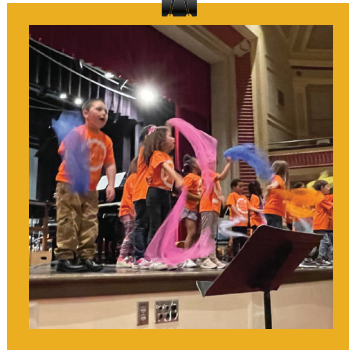
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SECTION I: PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

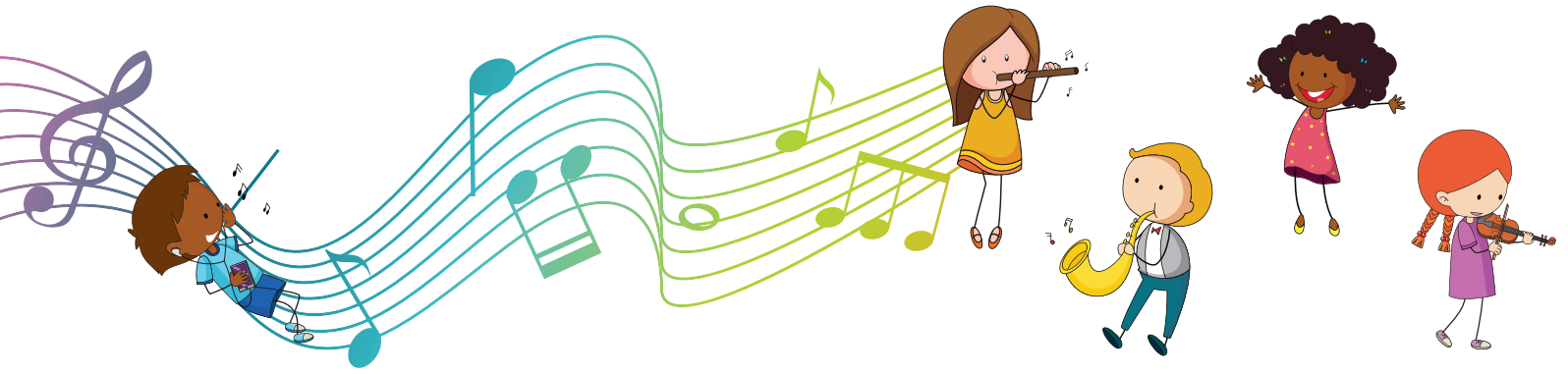
Club Orchestras

Club Orchestra is part of El Sistema, a visionary world movement transforming the lives of children and their communities through music, a new model for social change. Club Orchestra’s mission is to empower children by providing an intensive orchestra training program that teaches the importance of teamwork, promotes self-confidence, and instills the value of social responsibility.

Club Orchestra is offered to any second through fifth grade student at Forest Park, South Wayne, or Waynedale Elementary Schools.

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SECTION II: GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact Information

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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Rehearsal Information

Club Orchestras rehearsals are held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school at Forest Park, South Wayne and Waynedale Elementary Schools. Club Kid-O rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rehearsals conclude at 4:40 P.M.

Please note that only water is allowed during rehearsals. Students may bring their own water bottle/container that is closeable. No other food or drink are allowed.

SECTION III: PARENT INFORMATION

Parental Commitment

Welcome to the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Club Orchestras family. Parents of Club Orchestras musicians provide the daily support and encouragement that contribute to the overall success of the organization.

In addition to providing high quality musical experiences, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Club Orchestras program strives to teach students about professionalism, responsibility, and personal integrity. We ask our parents to help their children fulfill their responsibilities to the Club Orchestras program by encouraging 100% attendance, prompt arrival at rehearsals and concerts, private lessons and at-home practice.

Any parent who would like to volunteer, please contact Mr. Samra at asamra@fwphil.org. We always welcome family members who want to help with snacks, homework, or anything else for which we see a need.

PICK-UP

Students are to be picked up from rehearsal at 4:45 P.M. Any child who has not left after **5:00 P.M.** will be marked as Late Pick-Up. Three or more Late Pick-Ups may result in removal from the program. Any child not picked-up by 5:00 P.M. may have the police called to escort them home.

Communication

EMAIL

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic staff communicates with parents primarily through email. If you do not have an email account, we ask that you create a free account at one of the many email providers such as Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail, etc. Please be sure to keep the Program Manager updated with any email address changes.

Cancellations

In the event of inclement weather or an unforeseen emergency, it may become necessary to cancel rehearsal and/or a concert. Cancellations will be posted on Parent Square. Parents will be notified by email.

If FWCS cancels school, Club Orchestras is canceled.

Private Lesson Scholarships

Private instrumental instruction is strongly encouraged for every student musician.

FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic's volunteer organization, the Philharmonic Friends, also offers scholarship opportunities for private instruction. These scholarships are typically awarded based on financial need and are not limited to those students who study with Philharmonic musicians.

For more information, please visit the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Friends website at philharmonicfriends.com.

SECTION IV: MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

Attendance

Membership in Club Orchestras is both a privilege and a responsibility. Consistent participation of each individual at daily rehearsals results in successful performances. The attendance guidelines outlined here define each player's individual responsibility in ensuring the collaborative success of the group. The policy protects the musical integrity of the orchestra, as well as the individual efforts and investments of each player involved. The policies below apply to all Club Orchestras members unless otherwise noted.

DAILY ATTENDANCE

Attendance will be taken each rehearsal during snack time.

ABSENCES

If a student is absent from school, Club Orchestras absence is recorded as excused. It is the responsibility of the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) to report a planned absence (e.g. scheduled school conflicts). Any absences from rehearsals or concerts should be reported as soon as possible in advance by emailing Mr. Samra at asamra@fwphil.org.

Excused absences include illness, conflicting authorized school events, family obligations and emergencies, and/or religious observances. While these types of absences are excused, all musicians are required to report absences at their earliest convenience. All other absences will be considered unexcused. Three unexcused absences may result in student being removed from Club Orchestras and may not be able to participate in the May end-of-year celebration concert.

EARLY DEPARTURE

While students are expected to attend the full rehearsal, we understand that some scheduling conflicts may be unavoidable. Parents are asked to inform Mr. Samra via email at asamra@fwphil.org of any need to leave rehearsal early, as well as notify their respective teacher upon check-in.

Code of Conduct

Members of Club Orchestras are representatives of the organization and the behavior and dress of each musician reflects upon the entire group. **There is a no tolerance policy for bullying. Bullying will not be tolerated and is grounds for dismissal from the program.** It is essential to respect the rights and property of others. We count on all participants to use common sense in avoiding situations and behavior that would put themselves or anyone else at risk, cause problems for the group, or adversely affect the safety, performance and enjoyment of all. The Fort Wayne Philharmonic strictly enforces a zero-tolerance policy with regard to the use of drugs and alcohol, smoking, any other illegal activities, and any form of harassment toward students, parents, volunteers, and staff. All regular classroom procedures and expectations are in place for Club Orchestras. These expectations include:

1. Follow directions first time given and raise hand to speak.
2. Keep hands, feet and other objects to yourself.
3. Stay in assigned area.

Three occurrences will result in student being removed from Club Orchestras.

FWCS policies and procedures apply during program time.

SECTION IV: MEMBERSHIP POLICIES, CONTINUED

Tickets

TICKETS TO FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA AND YOUTH SYMPHONY CONCERTS

- Comps may be requested two weeks prior to the concert by filling out the comp request form below (QR code). Comp questions should be submitted to comps@fwphil.org. Once approved, the box office will fulfill the request. All tickets will be emailed for print at home unless will call is requested. Comp requests cannot be made directly through the ArtsTix Community Box Office.
- Comps must be requested no later than 3 days prior to the concert – walk up comp requests will not be accepted; 20% off benefit can be used at this time, subject to availability.
- Parent or Guardian must provide transportation & accompany the student(s) during the duration of the concert.

2023-24 CONCERTS AVAILABLE

October 22, 2023 - Youth Orchestras Fall Concert | 4:00 P.M. | Auer Performance Hall
November 11, 2023 - Concerto for Oboe with Orion Rapp | 7:00 P.M. | PFW Auer Performance Hall
December 16, 2023 - Holiday Pops | 2:00 P.M. | PFW Auer Performance
January 27, 2024 – Family Concert, Lunar New Year Celebration | 11:00 A.M. | PFW Auer Performance Hall
February 17, 2024- Mozart Requiem | 7:00 P.M. | PFW Auer Performance Hall
March 2, 2024- Family Concert, Aladdin's Magic Lamp | 11:00 A.M. | PFW Auer Performance Hall
April 6, 2024- Family Concert, Johnny Appleseed | 11:00 A.M. | PFW Auer Performance Hall



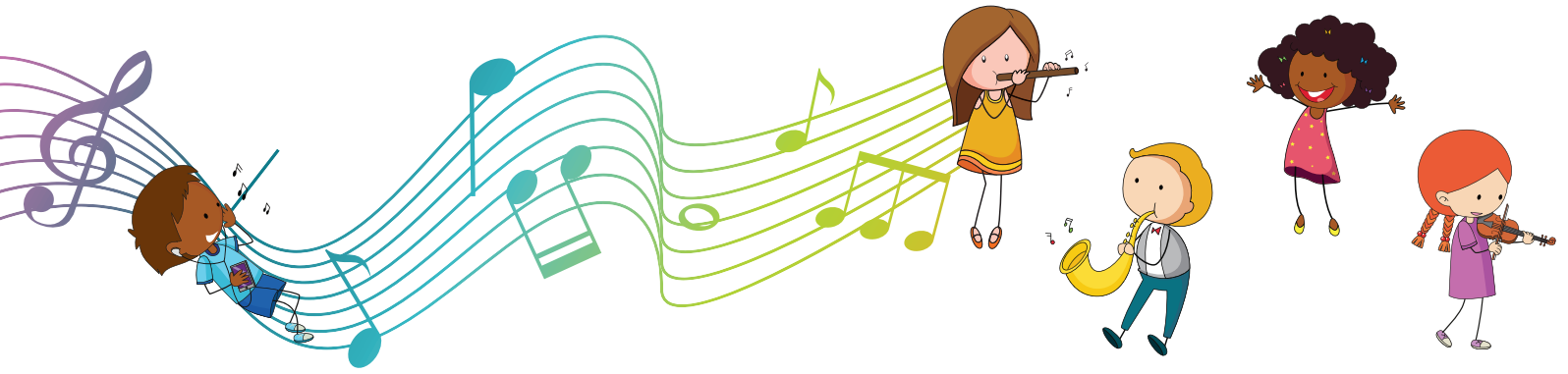
PHILHARMONIC CONCERT TICKETS

In addition to the comp tickets already being offered,

- Students can attend Masterworks, Freimann and Chamber Orchestra Series concerts at reduced rates
- Students under 18 are **FREE** with paid adult
- Students 13+ pay \$10 at the box office with valid student ID available one hour prior to the concert
- Advance **STUDENT RUSH** tickets are \$10 and can be purchased 2 weeks prior to the concert - use code **STUDENT** to activate pricing

Dress Code

The Club Orchestras program strives to teach professionalism to all students. Students are encouraged to “Dress for Success” to all major events.



Please fill out and return this page.

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WE ARE YOUR SCHOOLS

Club Orchestras Handbook Acceptance Form

I have read and agree to follow all the guidelines listed in the Club Orchestras Handbook. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in removal from Club Orchestras program.

CLUB O MEMBER SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____