



# OSHKOSH Youth Symphony

CULTIVATE INSPIRE  
ENRICH.

## Handbook

### VISION

*Transformative Experiences  
for All through Music*



### MISSION

*Cultivate and inspire  
dedicated young musicians  
through exceptional  
opportunities. Enrich our  
community through diverse  
and inclusive programs.*

### Contact Information

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### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Our ensembles are structured similarly to professional adult symphonies.

Symphony Orchestra (OYSSO) is comprised of all instrument groups.

Philharmonia (PHIL) is comprised of only stringed instruments.

Woodwinds (WW) is comprised of woodwind and brass instruments.

Chamber is made up of small groups, 2 or more people using any combination of instruments.

For a particular composition or performance, the conductor may request a temporary seating change. The conductor has the right to re-audition any musician.

### DISCIPLINARY ACTION/DISMISSAL

Disciplinary action and dismissal may be taken for any of the following:

- Disruptive behavior
- Excessive absences
- Tardiness
- Willful violation of rules or policies
- Uncooperative attitude

### WHAT TO BRING

- Instrument
- Accessories  
~ mutes, bow, rosin etc
- Music
- Pencil
- Supplies for emergency instrument repairs  
~ strings, reeds etc  
mutes, bow, rosin etc

### INSTRUMENTS

Rehearsals and concerts are all held in buildings that are open to the public. Please keep your instrument and other valuables with you at all times. The organization will not take responsibility for damage or theft. Your instruments and belongs are your responsibility. Instruments can be added to homeowner' and renters'

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If a rehearsal/concert is cancelled, we will have an announcement sent to the email contacts you have provided on the registration forms and will post the notice on the Oshkosh Youth Symphony Inc Facebook page.

### REHEARSALS

Ensembles rehearse on Mondays at Oshkosh North High School. Parking & access to door #7 is on the west side of the school.

WW 6:00pm – 7:00pm  
PHIL 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
OYSSO 6:30pm – 8:45pm

### SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAMS

Oshkosh Youth Symphony, Inc supports & appreciates the work of school music teachers. Membership to this program is designed to augment, not replace, participation in school orchestra & band programs. All OYS, Inc. musicians are expected to enroll in their school orchestra, band or strings program if available.

### MUSIC

Musicians will be notified through email when the music downloads are available prior to the beginning of each session. Musicians are expected to download, print, practice & bring their music.

### EXPECTATIONS

- Arrive 15 minutes before rehearsal
- Sign in to the attendance log
- Be ready to tune 5 minutes before rehearsal
- Listen & watch the conductor carefully
- Have a pencil and eraser
- No talking during tuning & rehearsal
- No cell phone or mobile device use during tuning, rehearsal & concerts

### ATTENDANCE

All members are expected to be at all rehearsals & concerts. If there is a reason for an absence, it is the responsibility of each member to follow the attendance guidelines. Attendance at dress rehearsal & concerts is mandatory. Conflicts must be resolved in advance to assure appropriate preparation time for a substitute. If a member has numerous absences during a concert session, their seating may be changed, part assignments may be adjusted or the member may be dismissed from the group. All members are asked to report absences to [ovsincmusic@gmail.com](mailto:ovsincmusic@gmail.com) by 5:00pm on the Monday of rehearsal. Include musician's name, date of absence & reason for absence.  
**DO NOT CONTACT THE CONDUCTOR REGARDING ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

### CONCERT DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Gentlemen:

- Black tux or black suit
- Black bow tie
- White dress shirt
- Black socks
- Black dress shoes

Ladies:

- Black skirt – minimum knee length or black dress pants
- Black blouse or sweater – elbow length or long sleeve classic style with no rhinestones, flouncy sleeves, ruffles, pattern print or pattern knit.
- Black panty hose with skirts or black socks with dress pants
- Black dress shoes – closed toes. No flip flops or sandals.

### PRINCIPAL PLAYER

This role is a privilege. The example set by the principal player greatly influences the performance & attitude of a section. A principal player should...

- encourage his/her section to give their very best possible performance at all times.
- be well prepared for all rehearsals
- be ready to play any solos
- have excellent attendance.
- Also, the concertmaster & all principals will be expected to meet when necessary.

### SECTIONAL REHEARSALS

Sectional rehearsals will be scheduled for professional coaching sessions during rehearsal times. In these sessions, special attention is given to technical matters for each instrument group. Be prepared with your music & a pencil. After sectional rehearsals, all members should put all chairs and tables back to their original positions in the room and remove all stands. Leave the room better than you found it.

### FINANCIAL NEED

We do not want any qualified musician to be turned away due to financial need. Limited financial assistance is available. Contact us for more information.