

Student Handbook



Hawaii Youth Symphony

HYS ACADEMY

2010-2011

CONCERT STRING ORCHESTRA

STRING ORCHESTRA ENSEMBLE

INTERMEDIATE STRING ENSEMBLE

BEGINNING STRING ENSEMBLE

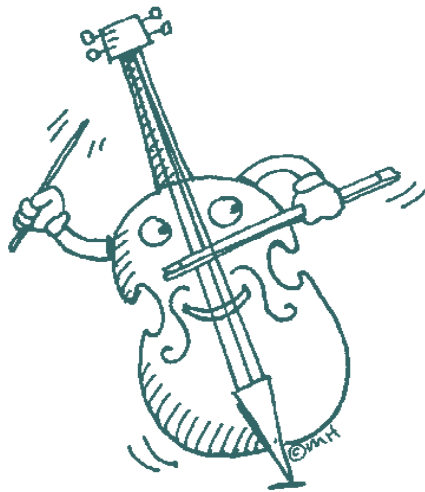


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Dear Musician and Parents:

Congratulations and welcome to the Hawaii Youth Symphony's (HYS) 46th season. You are to be commended for your efforts and achievements in music. We're excited about the season ahead and helping you expand your musical potential. Registration means a year-long commitment. Everyone in your group will be depending on you. You will need to prepare for and attend rehearsals diligently. The orchestra's repertoire is selected and concerts are scheduled on that expectation.

Please read this handbook carefully. It outlines what you need to know in order to benefit from the program. You will find the season schedule, attendance policy, dress codes, financial aid information, rehearsal locations, and more.

HYS offers young musicians from all over Hawaii unique opportunities for performances, studies, and advancement on their instrument. Our policy requires that Concert String Orchestra and String Orchestra Ensemble students study with a private teacher. Partial financial assistance may be available for private lessons.

HYS distributes a monthly bulletin *Taking Note* at the last rehearsal of each month. The bulletin, which is written for HYS families, lists changes in rehearsal times and events for the upcoming month. It's important that you review this bulletin monthly. *Taking Note* is also posted to our website each month.

On behalf of all our conductors and the office staff, we wish you a very successful year. Thank you again for your commitment to the Hawaii Youth Symphony.

With aloha,



Charlotte T. Fukumoto
String Program Coordinator



Selena Ching
Executive Director

About Hawaii Youth Symphony

Mission

Recognizing the critical link between music study and positive growth and development, the **Hawaii Youth Symphony** (HYS) creates programs for young people to experience the intrinsic value of orchestral music through excellent musical education, performance opportunities with high standards, and community service projects that include youth mentoring other youth. HYS envisions a Hawaii where every young person is given the chance to experience the timeless value of orchestral music.

Student Participation

HYS is a state-wide organization that includes students from nearly 100 schools on different islands. Approximately 400 students comprise three full orchestras and four string orchestras during the regular season. An additional 200 students participate in HYS' summer programs.

Costs

The overall cost for each student to participate in HYS is **more than \$1,300**, significantly more than the registration fee of **\$295-\$310**. The balance of the costs is funded by corporate sponsorships, private foundations, fundraising activities, and individual donors such as friends and HYS parents.

Nonprofit Status

The Hawaii Youth Symphony has been incorporated since 1964 and is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization.

Rehearsal Information

SCHEDULES

Complete rehearsal schedules with exact times, dates, and locations are provided to students at the first rehearsal. Updated schedules are distributed as needed in rehearsals. Please check the HYS website: www.HiYouthSymphony.org, and click on Members in the upper right hand corner, for updated schedule information. The website is updated every Friday.

REHEARSAL LOCATION & TIMES

All groups rehearse on Saturdays at:

Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii, Spalding Clubhouse

1704 Waiola Street, Honolulu

Located at Washington Middle School

Directions to Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii:

From H-1 East:

- Take the Punahou Street exit
- Turn right onto Punahou Street
- Turn left onto Philip Street
- Philip Street becomes Waiola Street
- End at 1704 Waiola Street

From H-1 West:

- Take the Kapiolani Blvd. exit
- Turn right onto Kalakaua Avenue
- Turn right onto Philip Street
- Philip Street becomes Waiola Street
- End at 1704 Waiola Street

Concert String Orchestra (CSO)

2:00—3:45 pm

String Orchestra Ensemble (SOE)

12:15—1:45 pm

Intermediate String Ensemble (ISE)

10:45 am—12 noon

Beginning String Ensemble (BSE)

12:15—1:15 pm

There are a few parking spaces on Lokahi Street parallel to the Boys & Girls Club. Otherwise parking is available on the street. Do not park on the grass or in an unmarked area. Do not park within the gates or block the entry way.

Rehearsal Information Cont.

SCHEDULE UPDATES & CHANGES

HYS issues a monthly bulletin, *Taking Note*, on the last Sunday of each month with updated schedules and activities for the upcoming month. Parents, please ask your child for this bulletin each month. The bulletin will also be posted on HYS's website. For additional questions about time/location of a rehearsal, you may either call the office (941-9706) or visit the HYS website: www.HiYouthSymphony.org and click on the Members icon in the upper right corner of the home-page.

WHEN YOU GET TO REHEARSAL...

When you arrive at the Boys and Girls Club you must check-in with your Boys & Girls Club Membership Card at the front desk. Membership Cards are required for entry at each rehearsal. Classes are located on the 2nd floor. Please take your seat immediately in the rehearsal room so attendance can be taken. If a student needs to leave early from rehearsal, the conductor or concert parent must be informed BEFORE rehearsal begins. (See page 6, "Reporting Absences.")

WHILE ATTENDING A HYS REHEARSAL...

No eating, drinking or chewing gum will be allowed. We must enforce the club policies regarding these issues. Please be very considerate, not only in the rehearsal rooms, but also in the bathrooms and around the grounds. Please KOKUA by helping to pick up the large pieces of litter. If we are deemed responsible for the trash, we may lose the privilege of using the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii as our rehearsal site. The use of these facilities are donated to HYS each year free of charge. This kind of generosity is hard to find and it helps us keep registration costs low. Please show appreciation by taking care of their property.

REMEMBER YOUR MUSIC AND SUPPLIES!!

Every student must bring his/her own music, extra strings, rosin, and donuts (for cellos & basses). Do not depend on your stand partner to bring music for you to use.

HOW TO REACH THE HYS OFFICE:

Office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

Address: 1110 University Ave., #200, Honolulu, HI 96826-1508

Phone: 941-9706 *Fax:* 941-4995

Email: admin@HiYouthSymphony.org

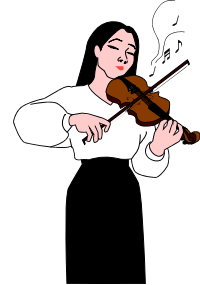
Web site: www.HiYouthSymphony.org

Dress Code for Concerts

READ THESE GUIDELINES CAREFULLY!

Students who are not properly dressed may not be allowed to perform!

CONCERT STRING ORCHESTRA & STRING ORCHESTRA ENSEMBLE



BOYS:

Solid-white dress shirts, black dress pants, black dress shoes and black socks. NO EXTRA COLORS OR TRIM. NO SPORTS SHOES, BOOTS, T-SHIRTS, RADICAL HAIRSTYLES OR HAIR COLOR!

GIRLS:

OPTION 1:

Solid-white, modest tea-length (ankle length or longer) dresses with dress shoes. NO EXTRA COLORS OR TRIM. NO SLITS, SPAGHETTI STRAPS, OR BAREBACKS.

OPTION 2:

Solid-white, modest blouse with tea-length (ankle length or longer) black skirt OR long, black dress pants, black dress shoes, black socks or stockings. NO EXTRA COLORS OR TRIM. NO SLITS OR BAREBACKS.

NO BOOTS, T-SHIRTS, RADICAL HAIRSTYLES OR HAIR COLOR!

INTERMEDIATE STRING ENSEMBLE & BEGINNING STRING ENSEMBLE

BOYS & GIRLS: Aloha attire.

Attendance Policy

HYS provides you with a schedule at the start of the season so that you can plan accordingly. The FALL SEMESTER runs from September to December 2010. The SPRING SEMESTER runs from January to April 2011.

After the third absence, parents will be notified as to the consequences. **All decisions will be made by the orchestra conductor.**

Possible consequences include:

- Demotion in seating
- Barred from participating in concerts
- Expulsion

REPORTING ABSENCES

If you know ahead of time that you will have a conflict with rehearsal or will be late, you must inform BOTH your conductor and concert parent IN ADVANCE. A signed note from your parent(s) must also be turned in to your concert parent. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, you will be absent and can't notify your conductor and concert parent in advance, please call the HYS office at 941-9706 as soon as possible and provide a signed note at the next rehearsal.

If a student needs to leave rehearsal early, the conductor or a concert parent must be informed **BEFORE** rehearsal begins (for liability purposes).

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

To provide a positive learning environment for students and conductors, disruptive or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. If a student should exhibit such behavior, he/she may be asked to leave the class.

Meet the Music Staff

**CHARLOTTE FUKUMOTO
STRING PROGRAM COORDINATOR
CONDUCTOR, BEGINNING STRING ENSEMBLE**

Charlotte Fukumoto joined HYS in 1995 as the String Program Coordinator. She retired from the Department of Education after 26 years, including 13 years with the string orchestra program at Moanalua Intermediate. Ms. Fukumoto chaired the Senior Honor All-State Orchestra while teaching for the Kamehameha School intermediate orchestra from 1995-1996 and taught the KSBE. She coordinated the PMI workshop for two summer sessions.

**HELEN NGUYEN
CONDUCTOR, INTERMEDIATE STRING ENSEMBLE**

Mrs. Nguyen has a bachelor's degree in Music Education from Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania. She taught strings and chorus in the Scranton public schools from 1974-1992. She was a violist with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic and various chamber and community orchestras. Locally, Mrs. Nguyen has taught at McKinley High School, Le Jardin Academy, Aiea Intermediate School and Wheeler Middle School. She currently teaches General Music at Dole Middle School.

**CHAD UYEHARA
CONDUCTOR, CONCERT STRING ORCHESTRA &
STRING ORCHESTRA ENSEMBLE**

An alumnus of HYS, Chad Uyehara conducts the Concert String Orchestra and String Orchestra Ensemble. He also coaches a string quartet for the Chamber Music program and conducts the PMI string orchestra. Mr. Uyehara received his Master's of Music in Music Education and Viola Performance from Northwestern University. He earned his Bachelor's of Music in Violin Performance, Bachelor's of Arts in French, and membership in Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Hawaii. He is also a graduate of Punahou School. Mr. Uyehara has performed on violin and viola with the Las Vegas Philharmonic, Desert Springs Chamber Orchestra, and the Honolulu Symphony. He has taught orchestra with the Clark County School District in Nevada, the Las Vegas Youth Philharmonic, and the Hawaii Department of Education at Kalani High School, Kaimuki Middle School, and Moanalua Elementary. Currently, he teaches orchestra and private violin/viola students at Saint Andrew's Priory. Professional affiliations include American String Teachers Association, Music Educators National Conference, Suzuki Association of the Americas, American Viola Society, and the International Association for Jazz Education.

Financial Aid

Why was the financial aid program established?

The HYS Financial Aid Program was established over 20 years ago to benefit members of the organization. This unique program makes it possible for HYS to offer all of its student musicians an equal opportunity to benefit from HYS's quality music programs, regardless of financial situations. Financial background is not a consideration for program participation.

Where do the funds come from?

The HYS Financial Aid Program funding has historically come from the McNerny Foundation and ABC Stores. HYS submits proposals for these and other grants each year. Writing grants is a major activity for HYS's staff. The competition for grant monies is stiff, and HYS cannot be certain what amount of funding will be awarded each year.

How does the Financial Program work?

The financial aid program subsidizes financially deserving students on a **reimbursement** basis. Assistance is available for registration fees, private lessons, instrument rentals, and travel for neighbor island students.

On what factors are awards based?

Awards are based **solely on financial need**, not on the musical ability of the applicant. Consideration is given to each student's attitude, attendance, and evidence of responsibility. The majority of recipients make the most of what the Financial Aid Program can offer, as reflected by teacher evaluations. Most take their instruction seriously, practice daily, and make rapid progress.

Can I declare my award as a scholarship award on my college application?

No. The HYS Financial Aid Program is not a scholarship program and should not be referred to as such. Selections are based on financial need and not musical ability.

How can I apply for financial aid?

Download an application from www.HiYouthSymphony.org or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to HYS, c/o the **Financial Aid Program**. Deadline to apply is September 24, 2010. Please remember that the program is administered on a reimbursement basis.

Beyond the String Program

Concert String Orchestra, String Orchestra Ensemble, Intermediate String Ensemble, and Beginning String Ensemble are considered the "String Program" within the HYS Academy and early-learning music institute. The Academy services students, ages 7-18 years, by providing beginning to advanced-intermediate instrument instruction. The Academy also offers a free general music program and a beginning band program.

In addition to the HYS Academy, we have three Symphony Orchestra Programs for string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. Auditions for these three groups are held in May and June of each year. Our most advanced group, for students 14 years and older, is Youth Symphony I (YSI). Our second full orchestra for students 13 years and older is Youth Symphony II (YSII). Finally, our third full orchestra for students 11 years and older is Concert Orchestra (CO).

In addition to performing in two concerts this season, HYS highly recommends that our String Program students attend YSI, YSII and CO concerts whenever possible. This is a great way to observe older musicians who started out just like you did!







Enjoy Making Music!



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Selena Ching	Executive Director
Ann Doike	Programs Manager
Janet Morita	Programs Associate
Marla Musick	Special Projects
Meredith Prescott	Administration and Finance Manager

Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9 am - 5 pm

Location

The HYS office is located on the second floor of the round, Varsity Building on University Avenue

Parking

The parking entrance is on Coyne Street (formerly the Varsity Theatre parking lot). Parking rates with HYS validation is \$1 per hour for the first two hours, then \$1 per 20 minutes after the first two hours (\$6 max. charge). Street parking is free.

Directions to Hawaii Youth Symphony:

From H-1 East:

- Take the Punahou Street exit
- Turn right onto Punahou Street
- Turn left onto S. King Street
- Turn left onto University Avenue
- Turn left onto Coyne Street

From H-1 West:

- Take the S. King Street exit
- Turn slight right onto S. King Street
- Turn right on University Avenue
- Turn left onto Coyne Street (first left)

(first left)

(Parking entrance is on Coyne Street)