

# **Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra Member Guidelines**

Welcome to the orchestra! For new or returning members, here are some guidelines for membership.

## **Attendance:**

1. Rehearsals begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. Musicians are required to be in their seats 5 minutes prior to the start of rehearsal and stay until 9:00, except with prior permission from the director.
2. Keep your instrument in good repair.
3. Bring pencils and post-its or other supplies needed to make notation or write notes to yourself.
4. After viewing the season rehearsal schedule, communicate anticipated absence to the personnel managers. The music director and/or managers must approve more than two absences for a concert series.

## **Rehearsals:**

1. We are a volunteer orchestra who love to make music. We are here to enjoy our time together. Please be respectful of other's abilities and contributions to the orchestra, and make welcome all who want to be here.
2. Most rehearsals are at WEAC. Sometimes there is a conflict with using the stage, so we also meet at the Middle School or the High School. There will be advance notice most times if we will meet somewhere other than WEAC.
3. If you are running late, communicate with your personnel manager so that he or she may notify the music director.
4. Individual practicing is expected on a weekly basis. Play repertoire to the best of your ability and play with confidence.
5. As a volunteer orchestra, members are responsible for the week-to-week operations of the orchestra. These include setting up the stage, tearing down the stage, making programs, decorating for concerts, etc. All members are strongly encouraged to take part.

## **Concerts:**

1. Concerts and dress rehearsals are held at WEAC, unless otherwise stated.
2. Musicians are required to attend dress rehearsal unless special arrangements are made in advance with the director. Musicians are required to be in their seats 10 minutes prior to the start of dress rehearsal.
3. Musicians are required to be in the building 30 minutes prior to the concert start time.
4. Concert dress is all black, or men may wear tuxedos. Ladies – if you wear a skirt it should be long – mid-calf or longer. Black shoes.
5. All music and folders must be returned immediately after the concert. Rental music needs to be free of markings.

## **Other:**

1. If you have a question, concern, suggestion, or want to be more involved with the orchestra, please contact a board member.
2. We are always looking for new orchestra members. If you know of someone, please direct them to our website: [www.willmarorchestra.com](http://www.willmarorchestra.com) and click on the tab "Join WASO".
3. Find the bylaws, board meeting schedule, rehearsal schedule and more at our website on the tab "Members". Login is: waso99
4. The music director and/or section leaders determine string seating.