

Treasure Valley Youth Symphony 2007-08 Membership Guidelines

The purpose of the Treasure Valley Youth Symphony:

1. To provide talented, accomplished young musicians from throughout the Treasure Valley with outstanding musical training and experience through full orchestra rehearsals and performances.
2. To enhance and develop current and future arts participation by our youth.
3. To enhance the cultural life of the Treasure Valley by providing excellent performances of orchestral music.

Adherence to the following membership guidelines will assure the Treasure Valley Youth Symphony fulfills its purpose in a manner reflecting the highest standards, increasing the musical growth, confidence and pride of its members.

1. **TUITION** for the entire year is \$80.00. Make checks payable to Treasure Valley Youth Symphony. Please bring your tuition check to the first rehearsal. (A few scholarships are available to help with the tuition. Call Jill Rowley at 344-7849 for more information.)
2. **REHEARSALS** are held at the Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy at 516 S. 9th Street on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Rehearsals begin and end promptly. Musicians should arrive FIFTEEN minutes early so that tuning may begin on time. Full attention will be given to the conductor during rehearsal, with emphasis on retention of instructions. This is accomplished by properly marking the music, being prepared for rehearsal and being attentive.
3. **ADEQUATE PREPARATION INCLUDES** personal practice between rehearsals as well as good maintenance of equipment and accessories. Your instrument and all its parts should be in good working order and you should have all necessary tools with you at rehearsals (mutes, valve oil, a selection of good reeds, spare strings, etc.). Always have a pencil at rehearsals.
4. **ATTENDANCE** is necessary throughout the season. Missing more than two rehearsals per concert set may be reason for suspension or dismissal from the TVYS. If a rehearsal absolutely must be missed, the musician or parent will notify the conductor or the education coordinator through the Boise Philharmonic office (344-7849) as soon as possible, or at least 48 hours prior to rehearsal.
5. **ATTENTION AND CONSIDERATION** will be given to individual members and specific problems when possible. HOWEVER, priority must be given to the needs of the orchestra as a whole. Any individual member may be suspended, moved within a section, or dismissed from the orchestra at the discretion of the conductor for failure to follow any of the membership guidelines or for failure to maintain the musical requirements of the orchestra.

6. CONCERT DRESS

For Gentlemen: Black Tuxedo or black suit, pressed and clean. White dress shirt or white tuxedo shirt, pressed and clean. Black dress bow tie – please, no decorations. Black dress socks, matched and clean. Black dress shoes with black soles.

For Ladies: Black full-length dressy outfit. Can be a long (ankle-length or floor length) dress OR black dress blouse and black dress slacks/ long black skirt. Sleeves must be three-quarter length or longer. Black hose. Black dress shoes.

For all: please do not wear perfume or cologne, as some people are allergic to scent. Everyone wants to perform at his/her best, so give your colleagues a chance to do so by keeping the air clean.

Also: Avoid flashy or glittery jewelry that may distract the audience.

7. **PARTICIPATION** in school instrumental programs and private study is encouraged. The importance of participation in school ensembles and private lessons with a good teacher cannot be overstated, and will be a factor in successfully auditioning for and performing with TVYS. School programs are the best place to gain daily experience in ensemble playing. Private lessons with a quality teacher are the only way to learn the instrumental skills at the high level necessary to participate in and contribute to the TVYS.

8. **CONCERT DATES** for the 2007-08 Season are as follows:

Sunday, November 18, 2007

Sunday, March 2, 2008

Sunday, May 18, 2008

Dress Rehearsal on concert nights is from 4:30 to 6:15 pm.

Doors open @ 6:30 p.m.

Concerts are at 7:00 p.m.

Also: *Musical Movies* performances for reduced orchestra are planned for February 7, 2008 at the Egyptian Theatre. Details will be forthcoming.

N.B. – Please check your schedule often for updates or changes.