Naples Philharmonic Youth Symphonia
Membership Policies and Procedures, Season 2019-20

Welcome to the 2019-20 season of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Symphonia!

Program Policies
The Naples Philharmonic Youth Symphonia (NPYS) is an Artis—Naples educational program. The NPYS provides a chamber music and orchestral experience for young musicians between the ages of 10 and 17. Policies are established to maintain the highest possible standards for the program. Compliance with these policies is vital to the musical integrity of the NPYS.

Artistic Standards
The Naples Philharmonic Youth Symphonia is one of four performing student ensembles at Artis—Naples. Its purpose is to provide an environment that challenges and inspires young musicians to excel musically. It is our expectation that each member endeavors to reach his/her full musical potential. As a part of the program, the director and/or the coaching staff will provide members with instruction about areas of musical deficiencies that require improvement and will work with members to help them reach their potential. If members do not work to improve and do not demonstrate a desire to improve, this will be grounds for dismissal from the NPYS. Members should conduct themselves in a professional manner during rehearsals, performances (on and off stage) and other NPYS functions. This means alert, observant and courteous attention; enthusiasm; cooperation; respectful good manners; punctuality; and attention to all directions given by the director, conductor, Artis—Naples staff and/or parent volunteers. Disruptive verbal or physical behavior, bullying, sexual harassment and drug or alcohol usage will not be tolerated. Behavior problems and the refusal of a member to improve his/her behavior may result in dismissal from the NPYS at the discretion of Artis—Naples staff. These policies have been established to support and maintain a healthy learning environment.

NPYS Rehearsal Formats
String Orchestra: all student musicians practice and perform as a string orchestra
Chamber Music: small groups of student musicians (4-8) practice and perform in small ensembles

Rehearsals and Performances Season 2019-20
Students must refer to the NPYS 2019-20 rehearsal and performance schedule for all audition, rehearsal, performance and event locations and dates. Weekly reminders and any changes to the schedule will be announced in group emails from YouthSymphonia@artisnaples.org.

Rehearsals normally take place on Saturday mornings between 8:45am-12:15pm on the 2nd floor of the Stable Education Building.
Address: 5551 Ridgewood Drive
Naples, FL 34108

Mandatory Symphonia Dress Rehearsal and Performance Dates
First Concert Cycle: September 21-December 14, 2019
Saturday, December 14, 2019
Performance at the Naples Botanical Gardens, 6:30-8pm
Saturday, December 14, 2019
Dress Rehearsal, 8am, Artis—Naples, Daniels Pavilion
Winter Concert, 10am, Artis—Naples, Daniels Pavilion
Second Concert Cycle: January 11, 2020-May 23, 2020
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
Dress Rehearsal, 5pm
Concert at Bay Forest Country Club, 6pm
Friday, March 20, 2020
  Magic Carpet Dress Rehearsal, 5-7pm, Artis—Naples, Daniels Pavilion
Saturday, March 21, 2020
  Magic Carpet Concert, 10am, Artis—Naples, Daniels Pavilion
Saturday, May 23, 2020
  Mandatory Spring Concert at Artis—Naples Community Day
  Chamber Dress Rehearsal, 9am, Artis—Naples, Special Event Space
  Full Ensemble Dress Rehearsal, 10am, Artis—Naples, Hayes Hall
  Chamber Music Concert, 12pm, Artis—Naples, Special Event Space
  Full Ensemble Concert 2pm, Artis—Naples, Hayes Hall

NPYS Attendance Policy

- **Three** absences, including excused and unexcused, are permitted per concert.
- Students with three or more absences are not eligible to participate in the upcoming concert.
- If a student misses a mandatory rehearsal, they will not be permitted to perform at the concert.
- Two late arrivals or early dismissals equals one absence
- *Any exceptions to this policy will be determined on a case-by-case basis by Artis—Naples staff.*

**Promptness**
All students should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to rehearsal, auditions, and performances. Students need this time to sign-in, find their seat, get their instrument and music stand out, warm up, open their music and be ready to play. **Students should be fully prepared and sitting in their chairs 5 minutes before rehearsal begins.** If students arrive when the rehearsal begins, they will be considered late.

**Excused Absences**
- Illness or family emergency: If you are ill, or a member of your family is hospitalized, email YouthSymphonia@artisnaples.org or call 239-821-2085 as soon as possible
- School events, only if you are a performer or competitor
- College visits, only if you are in your senior year
- Religious events specific to your faith

**Excused Absence Requests**
To request an excused absence, please submit an “Excused Absence Request” online at least one week prior to the rehearsal you will miss. Excused late arrivals and early dismissals must also be requested in advance. [The Excused Absence Request form can be found on the Naples Philharmonic Youth Symphonia webpage.](#) Text message or voicemail excuses will not be accepted.

In emergency, or on the day of a rehearsal, audition, or performance, please call the **Youth Ensembles Cell Phone 239-821-2085.**

**Unexcused Absences**
- Missing NPYS dress rehearsals or concerts.
- Studying for a test or attending a non-school function
- Any absence without notification via email or phone is considered unexcused
- Aside from illness or family emergency, any notification via email or phone less than one week prior to the rehearsal you will miss is considered unexcused

If you have 3 or more unexcused absences, the result could be:
- reassignment of parts
- reseating in the section
- loss of principal status
- dismissal from the orchestra

If you have 1 or more unexcused absence, the result could be:
- reassignment of parts
- reseating in the section
- loss of principal status
- dismissal from the upcoming concert

If you miss more than 2 rehearsals per concert cycle, the results could be:
- reseating in the section
- loss of principal status
- dismissal from the upcoming concert
Performance Attire

- NPYS logo polo shirt, $25 purchase
- NPYS t-shirt will be provided for the Magic Carpet concert
- Black dress pants (no leggings or yoga pants) or a floor length black dress skirt
- Black closed-toe dress shoes
- Black socks or stockings
- No statement or sound producing jewelry
- No hair accessories (ex. bows, scarves)
- No cologne, perfume, or fragrant deodorant

Concerts

Parents and teachers are not allowed backstage before or after concerts unless given permission.

▪ Arrive promptly. Students must be checked in at least 15 minutes prior to the start of rehearsal.
▪ Bring all music and music folder.
▪ Bring or come dressed in concert attire.
▪ Be prepared! Bring extra strings, reeds, etc.
▪ Keep quiet in the backstage area.

Concert Recording Policy

Silent video recording and non-flash photography from your seats is permitted at Youth Symphonia concerts only. Flash photography is never permitted.

Some performances will also be recorded by Artis—Naples staff and these audio recordings may be shared with students. Recordings will be available to download for a limited time after each performance and are not to be shared online or used for any other purpose beyond the personal use of the student musicians.

Music

One-Time Music Fee

A one-time music fee of $35 is charged to all new NPYS members. If music is lost or damaged during the season by any member, the member will be re-charged $35.

Music Care

Markings made on the music are to be done in No. 2 pencil only. Bring a pencil and eraser to all rehearsals.

Missing Music

If music is lost or if student did not receive a piece of music in their folder, please contact YouthSymphonia@artisnaples.org, as soon as possible. Do not wait until the next rehearsal to obtain missing music.

Private Study/School Music Programs

NPYS members are strongly encouraged to take private lessons. A list of private teachers will be provided upon request by emailing YouthSymphonia@artisnaples.org.

Participation in Artis—Naples youth ensembles is meant to supplement, not replace, school music ensembles. Artis—Naples believes that music students benefit from daily ensemble instruction and rehearsal. Therefore, Artis—Naples youth ensemble students are required to participate in their relevant school music ensemble, should one exist. A student who is unable to participate in their school music ensemble may join an Artis—Naples youth ensemble with permission from the school music director.

Every student will be required to submit a completed “School Participation Form” at the beginning of each school year.

Community Service Hours

NPYS will honor community service hours for concerts, select community performances, or volunteering to set up or tear down before or after NPYS rehearsals. Service learning hours will not be granted for participation in weekly rehearsals. Please discuss community service hours and submit any forms to YouthSymphonia@artisnaples.org.
Recommendation Letters
If a student would like to request a recommendation letter from the NPYS Director or another staff member, requests must be made at least two weeks prior to the due date. However, earlier is always better. To request a recommendation, please submit all necessary information and application deadlines to YouthSymphonia@artisnaples.org.

Auditions
All NPYS members must re-audition each season for membership and seating placement. Renewal of the invitation to perform with the NPYS each season is not automatic but is determined by Artis—Naples staff and the NPYS director. Weekly performance and preparedness is also considered when determining seating placement.

NPYS Audition Requirements:
- 1 prepared solo piece of student choice. This piece should demonstrate the student’s musical and technical abilities.
- One scale (two or three octaves) of student choice
- Students will be asked to sight read a short passage

Dismissal Policy
Immediate dismissal from the Naples Philharmonic Youth Symphonia could result for any of the following reasons:
- Not adhering to our Artistic Standards policy, including members who do not demonstrate a desire to improve
- Re-audition results
- Missing 3 or more rehearsals without proper notification
- Missing a concert, with or without proper notification
- Lack of participation in a school music ensemble
- Behavioral/disciplinary reasons

Disability Statement
Students with disabilities are encouraged to participate in Artis—Naples youth ensembles. Upon acceptance into the ensemble, if your child has any special educational needs or requires an accommodation in order to participate, please notify any of the following to discuss potential assistance or modifications: The Director of Education and Community Partnerships, Bonnie Thayer, and/or the Youth Ensembles Coordinator, Katie Moilanen.

Fees
- Audition Fee $15
- Music Fee $35
- Annual Tuition $350
- Polo shirt $25
- Music Makers Youth Symphonia Camp (optional) $150

Financial assistance for tuition is available based on need. To request financial assistance, a scholarship application is required.

Contact Information
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Any questions for Gregg should be directed to YouthSymphonia@artisnaples.org.