

**Omaha Area Youth Orchestras
2010 Honors Orchestra
Student Information**

What is Honors Orchestra?

Honors Orchestra is a unique opportunity for you to play in a full orchestra with other talented wind, brass, percussion, and string students from all over the Omaha area. You will also have the opportunity to work with coaches from various schools and the Omaha Symphony and learn about the unique and exciting opportunities OAYO has to offer.

Requirements:

- 1) You must have your music teacher's recommendation and signature.
- 2) You need to have played your instrument at least 2 years. You can be currently in your second year of study.
- 3) String students must be in 5th - 8th grade. Exceptions can be made for 4th graders taking private lessons.
- 4) Wind, brass and percussion students must be in 7th or 8th grade.
- 5) All students must have the following skills:
 - Ability to play in keys of F, C, G, D, and Bb major.
 - Proficient rhythmic skills.
 - Good posture.
 - Cellos and basses must know extensions and shifting.
 - Proficient note-reading skills.
 - Good intonation and tone production.
 - Knowledge of basic musical terms.

Rehearsals:

All rehearsal are held at Lewis & Clark Jr. High from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Below is a list of rehearsal dates.

September 25, 2010

Please arrive 20 minutes early to the first rehearsal to register.

October 2, 2010

October 9, 2010

October 16, 2010

October 23, 2010

October 30, 2010

November 6, 2010

Our concert is **November 13, 2010**. The location of the concert is to be determined. The Dress rehearsal will be at 1:00pm, concert at 3:00pm. Concert Dress is "nice clothes."

Concert Tickets

\$5 general admission

\$3 seniors/students

Free to ages 6 and under

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Attendance Requirements:

You are expected to be at every rehearsal. If you will be absent from a rehearsal, the conductor must have a written excuse prior to an absence. Two absences are acceptable, but if more than two absences occur, it will be at the discretion of the conductor as to whether that student will play the concert.

Cost:

OAYO makes this opportunity available for a minimal \$40 enrollment fee with parent volunteer time or \$50 without parent volunteer time to help with administrative costs. The \$40 enrollment fee can be waived if you have a financial need by including a copy of your free lunch form with your application (Parents must still do the volunteer time). A nonparticipating fee of \$5 will be charged to students NOT from OPS, Council Bluffs, Gretna, or Bellevue. These districts make the reduced fee of \$40/\$50 available for its students through its generous contributions to the OAYO programs.

In order to take advantage of the lower \$40 fee, parents must sign up to help at ONE Honors Orchestra event. Volunteers will arrive early to help set up, chaperone rehearsals, stay late to take down the rehearsal, or help with set-up or take down of the concert site.

Questions:

Please contact OAYO, at 402-238-2044 or oayo@qwestoffice.net

All applications must be postmarked by September 17, 2010