

May 20th, 2016

Dear

Thank you very much for preparing yourself, and taking the time to audition for the Edmonton Youth Orchestra. I am pleased to inform you that you have been accepted into the Intermediate Orchestra for the EYO 2016 – 2017 season.

Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday evening. The first rehearsal will be held on **Wednesday, September 21, 2016 from 6.30pm – 9pm., in the Fine Arts Building, University of Alberta, room 123.**

Rehearsals require that you arrive at 6.15pm, and be seated by 6.25pm, in time to warm up and go through the tuning procedure. All cell phones must be turned off during rehearsal.

Membership in an orchestra is a commitment to be taken seriously.

An orchestra does not function unless everyone is there. To be a member of an orchestra implies that you are there at every rehearsal and concert.

Study the enclosed schedule carefully, and observe all the dates listed. Attendance at all rehearsals and concerts is mandatory, except in the case of illness or other unavoidable absences cleared with the EYO office by email: eyo@shaw.ca or telephone 780 436 7932 before the rehearsal.

Failure to comply with the above may result in termination of your EYO membership. With your cooperation and commitment we can work toward the excellence that has been the tradition of the Edmonton Youth Orchestra.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Massey
Music Director

Edmonton Youth Orchestra Association Intermediate Orchestra schedule 2016-17
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Please remember to bring your membership fee of \$200 to the first rehearsal.

Rehearsals

Students are to be at rehearsals by 6.15pm. They are expected to set up chairs and stands before the rehearsals begin at 6.30pm.

First rehearsal **Wednesday September 21**, Room 123, Fine Arts Bldg,
University of Alberta. 6.30pm – 9pm

No rehearsal **December 14, 21, 28, & March 29 (Spring break)**

* **Seating Guidelines.** The two most suitable players will be placed in the front desks of the section. The remaining players will be placed to achieve a balanced orchestral sound. Positioning is not necessarily a reflection of playing ability. Seating positions may be rotated during the year.

CONCERTS

Sunday November 27 **2pm** Senior & Intermediate Orchestras: Winspear Centre.
Rehearsal 9am – 10.30am

Sunday March 5 **2pm** Senior & Intermediate Orchestras: Winspear Centre.
Rehearsal 9am – 10.30am The Thelma Johannes O'Neill
Memorial Concert with the Senior & Intermediate Orchestras:
Featuring the winners of the Northern Alberta Concerto
Competition. Rehearsal 9am – 10.30am

Sunday May 7 **2pm** Winspear Centre Gala Concert to celebrate 65th Anniversary
year for EYO & 40th Anniversary year for Michael Massey

Concert tickets:

All orchestra members are given 4 tickets (a total of \$50) to sell for each concert, payment to be made at Wed. rehearsal, prior to concert. Extra tickets may be obtained at rehearsals, from the EYO office, or Tix on the Square 420 1757 \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors & students.

Concert dress is required for all performances: Boys: Black or navy trousers & jacket; black bow tie; white shirt; black shoes & socks. Girls: Long black ankle length dress, or long black ankle length skirt with long sleeved black blouse, Sleeves elbow length or longer, high neck line; black shoes and tights. (No slits or colours to be worn)

A concert is an occasion and only conservative dress is appropriate.

Music A charge will be made for any lost or damaged music folders or music parts.

36th NORTHERN ALBERTA CONCERTO COMPETITION: Sunday January 8, 2017
Muttart Hall, Alberta College. Sponsored by Alberta Registered Music Teacher's Association, Edmonton Branch, and Edmonton Youth Orchestra Association. Categories: Intermediate Strings, Senior Strings, Brass & Woodwinds. For information: ARMTA :
www.armtaedmonton.ca.ab EYO: www.eyso.com **Application deadline: October 15, 2016.**
Preliminary Round: Saturday, November 5.
Contact: Judith Ammann, email: pjammann@shaw.ca tel: 780 467 9529

Edmonton Youth Orchestra projected schedule for 2016 / 2017

Conductor: Michael Massey

EYO senior orchestra rehearsals in R123 at U of A begin Saturday **September 17, 2016 until May 6, 2017. No rehearsal Dec 17, 24, Dec 31, and April 15, 2017.

EYO intermediate orchestra rehearsals begin Wednesday **Sept 21, until May 3. No rehearsals Dec 14, 21, Dec.28, and March 29 (Spring break)

Saturday October 15 12noon Senior Orchestra Concert. Convocation Hall U of A
Free admission

Saturday Nov 5 PCL Hall Alberta College
www.eyso.com or www.armtaedmonton.ca.ab
(**Application Deadline October 15, 2016**)
Concerto competition preliminary rounds: Strings/ Brass & Winds

Friday November 11 9am Buses leave for workshop at Banff Centre for the Arts.
Senior Orchestra

Sunday November 13 2pm Eric Harvie Theatre Banff Centre for the Arts
Senior Orchestra

Sunday November 27 2pm Winspear Centre Senior & Intermediate Orchestras:

Sunday January 8 36th Annual Northern Alberta Concerto Competition: Strings/
Brass & Winds
Muttart Hall, Alberta College, sponsored by the Alberta
Registered Music Teachers Assoc and Edmonton Youth Orchestra
Assoc.

Sunday March 5 2pm Winspear Centre Senior & Intermediate Orchestras

Sunday May 7 2pm Winspear Centre Senior & Intermediate Orchestras:
Featuring the winners of the 36th Annual Northern Alberta
Concerto Competition:

May **Competitive auditions for scholarships**
May **Competitive auditions 2017 / 2018**

Please call 780 436 7932 to confirm concerts. A recorded message will inform you of any changes to this concert schedule. Call Tix on the Square:780 420 1757 or Edmonton Youth Orchestra: 780 436 7932 for tickets for all concerts. Email: eyo@shaw.ca Website: www.eyso.com

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INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS AND ORCHESTRA MEMBERS

We welcome you to EYO Assoc. to join the thousands of young musicians and their families that have already benefited from the EYO program since 1952. EYO is an independent non-profit association, registered under the Societies Act, Charitable Organization Registration No. 052 0544 22 25. **All private and corporate donations receive tax deductible receipts.**

Please use this information sheet in conjunction with detailed information on www.eyso.com, & the following already distributed to students: **Letter from Music Director, Season Schedule**, (Students will be advised of any revisions to the rehearsal schedule at rehearsals & by email).

EYO Annual General Meeting will be on **Tuesday November 1, at 7.30pm, at The Derrick Club 3500–119 St.** Please plan to attend. All EYO parents have voting privileges. Included in the agenda are reports from the 2015-2016 season, plans for the 2016-2017 season, election of officers, & approval of financial statements.

Concerts on Sundays at 2pm in the Winspear Centre Concert Hall: November 27, March 5, May 7. Concert tickets sales are a major part of EYO fundraising, and give our members the opportunity to perform in a world class facility. **All EYO members are obliged to sell at least \$50 of tickets for each concert:** adults \$15, seniors and students \$10. EYO concerts are fantastic, plan to bring all your family and friends to every concert to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music.

Music is very expensive. **EYO librarians: Senior Orchestra; we are presently searching for a librarian for the Senior Orchestra, if you are interested please email eyo@shaw.ca for more info. & to volunteer for this position, Intermediate Orchestra; Connie Lu,** organize the distribution and collection of all orchestral sheet music. Students must follow the **Guidelines for Care of Music** distributed at the beginning of the season, & hand in their music at the end of each concert, unless told otherwise.

Email eyo@shaw.ca after November 1 to request a **Receipt for Arts Tax Credit** for members under 16yrs of age on January 1 2016. For more info re CATC visit CRA website.

Orchestra members must arrive 15 mins. prior to the beginning of the rehearsal, to set up chairs @ stands, & be in their seats 5 mins prior, in time to warm up and go through the tuning procedure. All cell phones to be turned off during rehearsal. Sat. S.O. arrive 8.45am. Wed. I.O. arrive 6.15pm. Everyone is to stack chairs and stands at rehearsal end.

Parents are encouraged to contact the General Manager, or any member of the EYO Board of Directors, if you have any questions regarding EYO Assoc. or wish to volunteer to help us, please email eyo@shaw.ca for specific contact information.

President of the Board: Cathy Koller

General Manager: Eileen Lee