

May 26th, 2017

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 Senior Orchestra for the EYO 2017 – 2018 season.

Rehearsals will be held every Saturday morning. The first rehearsal will be held on **Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 9am – 12.30pm., in the Fine Arts Building, University of Alberta, room 123.**

Rehearsals require that you arrive at 8.45am, and be seated by 8.55am, 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 Senior Orchestra schedule 2017- 2018

email eyo@shaw.ca www.eyso.com tel/fax 780 436 7932

Please bring your membership fee of \$200, plus the fee of \$100 to attend the Banff workshop (covers approx 30% of the costs of transport, coaching, meals, & accommodation) plus the casino cheque for \$225 postdated January 31, 2018, to the first rehearsal.

Rehearsals

First rehearsal **Saturday September 16**, Room 123, Fine Arts Bldg, University of Alberta. 9.00am - 12.30pm.

No rehearsal **December 16, 23, 30, and March 31, 2018**

* **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.

Nov.10 – 12. Workshop at Banff Centre for the Arts with Calgary Youth Orchestra & South Saskatchewan Youth Orchestra.

Buses will leave Fine Arts Bldg at 9am Friday November 10, & return at approx 9.30pm

Sunday November 12. Remember to bring music, music stand, and concert dress

CONCERTS

Saturday ? October 14 **12noon** Senior Orchestra Concert. Convocation Hall U of A

Sunday November 12 **2pm** Senior Orchestra: Banff Centre for the Arts

Sunday November 26 **2pm** Senior & Intermediate Orchestras: Winspear Centre.

Rehearsal 10.30am – 12noon -wear concert dress for photos

Saturday ? January 27 **12noon** Senior Orchestra Concert. Convocation Hall U of A

Sunday March 4 **2pm** Senior & Intermediate Orchestras: Winspear Centre.

Rehearsal 10.30am – 12noon

Sunday May 6 **2pm** Winspear Centre Senior & Intermediate Orchestras:

Rehearsal 10.30am – 12noon

Concert tickets:

All orchestra members will be given 4 tickets to sell for each 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. (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.

37th NORTHERN ALBERTA CONCERTO COMPETITION: Sunday January 7, 2018

Muttart Hall, Alberta College. Sponsored by Alberta Registered Music Teacher's Association, Edmonton Branch, and Edmonton Youth Orchestra Association. Categories: Intermediate Piano, Senior Piano / Organ, Voice. Information: www.armtaedmonton.ab.ca www.eyso.com Email: Judith Ammann: pjamann@shaw.ca . Obtain Repertoire approval by M. Massey before Oct.1.

Application deadline: October 10, 2017. Preliminary Round: Sunday, November 5.

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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, & Casino Information** (Students will be advised of any revisions to the rehearsal schedule at rehearsals & by email).

EYO Annual General Meeting will be on **Tuesday October 24, 2017, 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 2016-2017 season, plans for the 2017-2018 season, election of officers, & approval of financial statements.

Concerts on Sundays at 2pm in the Winspear Centre Concert Hall: November 26, March 4, May 6. 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; Helen Privora, 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.

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, please email eyo@shaw.ca for specific contact information.

President of the Board: Cathy Koller

General Manager: Eileen Lee

Dear Parents and Students:

Casino dates: Monday December 11, and Tuesday December 12, 2017, at Grand Villa Casino, 10180-10224 104 Ave.

The 2017/2018 Edmonton Youth Orchestra season will be a casino year.

At registration in September, an additional cheque of \$225 (one per family, not per student), dated for January 31st, 2018, will be required with your \$200 orchestra registration fee. When filling out your cheques, please remember to print the student's name on the "memo" line.

The Casino Volunteer Commitment Cheque will be returned to you if you work at the casino.

If you do not volunteer at the casino your cheque will be cashed, and a charitable donation tax receipt will be issued.

The procedure for signing up to volunteer at the casino will be managed by Lesley Spurrier, the Casino Coordinator. Please contact Lesley at spurrier@telusplanet.net to sign up for the casino. Lesley will also have sign-up sheets at the May auditions and at registration on the first orchestra rehearsals in September.

There are a limited number of casino positions available. There will be waiting list created and these people will be contacted for any positions that come available.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact Lesley by email if you have any questions.

Casino Committee
Edmonton Youth Orchestra Assoc.