



*The mission of the Fulton County Youth Orchestra program is to provide performing groups for the most talented young string orchestra musicians enrolled in the Fulton public school orchestra programs. These orchestras supplement the school orchestra programs and challenge their members to greater musical excellence.*

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### **2011 FCCYO Rehearsal and Concert Schedule**

Rehearsals are at **Alpharetta HS**. All rehearsals are from 4:45 to 6:15 and will begin promptly at 4:45. Students should arrive early for tuning and warm-up.

#### **Rehearsals:**

Tuesday, September - 13, 20, 27  
Tuesday, October - 4, 11, 18, 25  
Tuesday, November - 1, 8, 15  
Monday, November - 7, 14

### **2011 FCSYO Rehearsal and Concert Schedule**

Rehearsals are at **Autrey Mill MS**. All rehearsals are from 5:00 to 6:15 and will begin promptly at 5:00. Students should arrive early for tuning and warm-up.

#### **Rehearsals:**

Tuesday, September - 13, 20, 27  
Tuesday, October - 4, 11, 18, 25  
Tuesday, November - 1, 8, 15  
Monday, November - 7, 14

**Concert 1: Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011- 7:00 p.m. - Alpharetta HS**

**Concert 2: Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012- 7 p.m. - Alpharetta HS**

Additional concerts may be scheduled and will be announced via e-mail and note. Full rehearsals for the second semester will resume on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2012. The full calendar of rehearsals and scheduled events for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester will be provided in November.

## **YOUTH ORCHESTRA PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Fulton County Concert Youth Orchestra (FCCYO) accepts students in grades 4-6. The Fulton County Symphonic Youth Orchestra (FCSYO) accepts students in grades 7-8. All members must be recommended by their orchestra director or general music teacher, be in good standing in their orchestra, and have achieved intermediate to advanced performance level. Once accepted members must commit to the full season, including all activities and rehearsals scheduled for their orchestra.

## **ACCEPTANCE AND AUDITIONS**

A participation fee of \$150 is due by the first rehearsal and is returned only if you are not accepted. FCCYO checks are payable to Alpharetta H.S., FCSYO checks are payable to Autrey Mill M.S. This fee includes a Youth Orchestra shirt and helps pay for music, coaching and performance fees. Checks may be submitted with your application or brought to the first rehearsal. During the first three rehearsals, we will get acquainted and you will be issued music to learn. Auditions for acceptance in the groups will be on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who is not accepted will be refunded the participation fee and invited to audition again in January.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Regular and prompt attendance at rehearsals is required. Attendance is taken at the beginning of the rehearsal. Only **two excused absences** per semester (fall/spring) are allowed. Upon the 3rd absence, the student may be dropped from the group or moved to a different seat. Students who are repeatedly tardy are also subject to being dropped or being moved to a different chair.

## **REHEARSALS AND SECTIONALS**

Most rehearsals are in the Orchestra Room. See schedule for dates and sites. Sectional rehearsals and auditions may be held in other rooms. Signs will be posted indicating where students should report.

## **MUSICAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Students must learn music at home so that rehearsal time may be spent on musical and ensemble concepts. Players who appear to be inadequately prepared on a regular basis may be reseated or dismissed from the orchestra. Private lessons are highly encouraged, but not required. A *SmartMusic* subscription and microphone for your home computer is also a good idea.

## **UNIFORM**

The uniform consists of the FCYO shirt, black dress pants, black hosiery and black dress shoes. The FCYO shirt fee is included in the participation fee. The shirt will be tucked into the pants. Please no black jeans, sweat pants, or skirts.

## **PARKING FOR REHEARSALS**

FCCYO parking at Alpharetta is available in any unmarked space near the auditorium. For safety reasons, student pick-up should be at the auditorium loop only. FCSYO parking at Autrey Mill M.S. is available in any parking lot. Do not park in the front driveway.

## **PARENT ASSOCIATION**

Parents are encouraged to become active contributors to the orchestra. The tasks you help with really make a difference! A list of tasks and help needed is included on the application. Please check all areas you might help with if your child is selected as a member.

# **APPLICATION FOR FULTON SCHOOLS YOUTH ORCHESTRA MEMBERSHIP**

*Return this to your teacher by **September 2, 2011** Please print.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Music Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs. of study \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency phone \_\_\_\_\_

Private Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Student's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

List any performance awards or honors you have earned. If you need more room, attach another sheet of paper. \_\_\_\_\_

## **PARENT ASSOCIATION**

***If my child is selected to be a member, I will help with:***

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| _____ Communication (phone, e-mail)         | _____ Music Library (pass out, take up music)        |
| _____ Auditorium/Table Decorations          | _____ Size and Distribute shirts                     |
| _____ Chaperone during trips/concerts       | _____ Website updates (can be done during rehearsal) |
| _____ Rehearsal Room setup (early arrival)  | _____ Carpool/ transportation organization           |
| _____ Stage/equipment setup (early arrival) | _____ Reception planning and serving                 |
| _____ Stage breakdown (after concert)       | _____ Grant writing                                  |

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Please print parent/guardian's name clearly.*

***I would like for my child to be a member of the Fulton Youth Orchestra. The \$150.00 fee is due by the first rehearsal and will be returned if my child is not accepted. We will observe the policies of the orchestra. We will receive the full handbook when accepted. I also understand that my child's performances may be videotaped or recorded.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ or CASH \_\_\_\_\_

***FCCYO Checks payable to Alpharetta HS.***

***FCSYO Checks payable to Autrey Mill M.S.***

This form **must** be signed by your school orchestra director. Please fill out the top of this page and return it to your director by September 2, 2011 so that a folder will be waiting for you at the first rehearsal.

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

-----**RESERVED FOR SCHOOL MUSIC DIRECTOR**-----



This applicant is:

\_\_\_ Very Strong    \_\_\_ Strong    \_\_\_ Average    \_\_\_ Unsure (If unsure please give comments below)

Music Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Music Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Music Teacher Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

General Comments:

**Directors, please return by county mail no later than September 2<sup>nd</sup> to...**

**FCCYO (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)** - Return applications to Haynes Bridge M.S. c/o Sharon Anderson

**FCSYO (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)** - Return application to Autrey Mill M.S. c/o Tim Anderson