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## **2020-2021 SEASON INFORMATION SHEET**

We welcome you to the EYO Association, to join the thousands of young musicians and their families who have benefited from the EYO program since 1952. The EYO is an independent non-profit association, registered under the Societies Act.

As a result of COVID-19 and the challenging times in which we find ourselves, this will be a very unusual year for the Edmonton Youth Orchestra. The EYO Board and staff have discussed our options extensively and received member feedback, and can confirm that we will begin the season with online rehearsals. This is Scenario 3 that was shared in our recent communication.

We will continue to watch and review AHS recommendations and will move to Scenario 2 (small in-person group work) or Scenario 1 (in-person rehearsals in our pre-COVID manner) when circumstances permit. All of our EYO plans are made with the safety and health of our Orchestras, staff and volunteers in mind. Note that our normal U of A rehearsal space is not available for the Fall term (runs until December) and possibly longer, but other rehearsal locations may be available to us at a later date.

You will be kept abreast of all plans through email. As well, you will find our website ([www.eyso.com](http://www.eyso.com)) a good source of up-to-date information. We appreciate your commitment to the EYO during these unprecedented times.

### **Rehearsals**

All rehearsals will start in September online via the Zoom platform.

The **attached letter from our Music Director, Michael Massey**, outlines his vision for this first part of our 2020-2021 season, along with the repertoire chosen.

Please also make note of the **rehearsal dates and times** below:

- **Intermediate orchestra rehearsals** begin **Wednesday September 16 and run until May 2021, 6:30 to 9:00 pm**. No rehearsals Nov 11, Dec 16, 23, 30, and March 31 (Spring break)
- **Senior orchestra rehearsals** begin **Saturday, September 19, 2020** and run until **May 2021, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm**. No rehearsals Dec 19, Dec 26, Jan 2, 2021 and April 3, 2021

You will receive further information as to the specific arrangements for these online sessions (schedules, recommended equipment, instructors, links etc.) within the next few weeks.

### **Fees and Forms**

**Membership fees and Waiver and Code of Conduct forms are due in by September 1, 2020.**

Receipt of fees and forms will confirm membership for the 2020-2021 season helping us to finalize plans for the online rehearsal groups starting on September 16 (IYO) and September 19 (SYO).

**Waiver and Code of Conduct Forms:** You will receive these forms through a separate email in the next week. These forms are being created and sent to you through *DocuSign*, a digital transaction platform which lets users send, sign and manage legally-binding documents securely. *DocuSign* allows you to easily complete and submit the documents directly back to us.

For players under 18 years of age, the Code of Conduct and Waiver forms are to be completed and signed by the parent/guardian; if the participant is 18 years or older, the forms can be completed and signed by the participant.

We ask that the parent/guardian of under 18 year old players review the Code of Conduct with their player before signing off on the form.

If you have any questions about these documents, or this process, please contact the EYO office (780-569-5290 or [eyo@shaw.ca](mailto:eyo@shaw.ca)).

### **Concerts**

As much as concerts are still very much an unknown, please mark the following dates in your calendars to avoid potential conflicts later on. Currently we have the following 2021 dates booked for 2 pm concerts at the Winspear Centre for Music:

- **February 21, 2021 and**
- **May 9, 2021**

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**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

**EYO Annual General Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 7:30 pm, at The Derrick Club 3500–119 Street: Please plan to attend.**

One parent/guardian of minor players and all players 18 and over have voting privileges. Players 18 and over can proxy their vote to a parent or guardian by indicating such on their Waiver Forms.

Included in the agenda for this AGM are reports from the 2019-2020 season, plans for the 2020-2021 season, election of officers, and approval of financial statements. If you are interested in serving on our Board or have questions please contact Dave Rumbold.

**We would be very pleased to see you in-person (socially-distanced and masked) at this meeting. However, arrangements will also be in place for you to join the meeting virtually if you would prefer to attend in that manner.**

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Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

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