Edmonton Youth Orchestra Association
2019-2020
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INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS AND ORCHESTRA MEMBERS

We welcome you to EYO Association to join the thousands of young musicians and their families that have benefited from the EYO program since 1952. The 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.**

This information sheet along with the following attached documents should provide much of the information you will need in order to be prepared for your time in the upcoming EYO season:

- **Letter from our Music Director**
- **Season Schedule**
- **EYO Waiver and Code of Conduct Forms**
- **Guidelines for Care of Music**

You will also find our website (www.eyso.com) a good source of information.

Fees and Forms: Please bring the following with you to your first September rehearsal (September 14 – Senior Youth Orchestra; September 18 – Intermediate Youth Orchestra):

- ☐ $200 membership fee
- ☐ $225 post-dated cheque. *To be cashed in lieu of working the casino (please see below)*
- ☐ $100 Banff workshop fee (*for Senior Orchestra members only*)
- ☐ Completed EYO Code of Conduct and Waiver forms (attached)

Alternatively, forms can also be filled out and submitted ahead of time to eyo@shaw.ca

Payments can be made by cheque, cash or e-transfer to eyo@shaw.ca (Cheques should be made payable to Edmonton Youth Orchestra.)

Casinos and concert ticket sales are the only fundraisers the EYO undertakes.

EYO Casinos take place every 18 to 24 months and this year we have received casino dates of **October 10 and 11, 2019.** Monies received through this avenue are very beneficial to our association. This funding allows us to maintain our low membership fees, which in turn helps us

to remain open and accessible to more young musicians. In comparison to other Canadian youth orchestras our membership rates are one of the lowest!

At registration in September, an additional cheque of $225 (one per family, not per student) dated for December 1, 2019, will be required with your $200 orchestra registration fee. Your 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.

Our Casino Chairperson is Jacquie Dawkins (jmdawkin68@gmail.com). If you are interested in working the casino please let Jacquie know by providing information through the following link: https://forms.gle/c3zUxTDaXXNAxdRQ9

There are a limited number of casino positions available. Positions will be filled based on the order that replies are received. A wait list will be created and those on the waitlist will be contacted for any positions that become available.

Concerts on Sundays - 2 pm at the Winspear Concert Hall: Please mark the following dates in your calendars to avoid conflicts down the road:

- **November 17, 2019**
- **February 23, 2020 and**
- **May 3, 2020**

Not only do these concerts give our members the opportunity to perform in a world class facility, but they are fantastic! Plan to bring all your family and friends to every concert to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music!

Prior to each concert all EYO members receive $50 worth of tickets (2 - $15 adult tickets; 2 - $10 senior/student tickets).

All EYO members are obliged to sell at least $50 of tickets for each of these concerts.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

EYO Annual General Meeting: October 22, 2019 at 7:30 pm, at The Derrick Club 3500–119 Street: Please plan to attend.
All EYO parents have voting privileges. Included in the agenda are reports from the 2018-2019 season, plans for the 2019-2020, election of officers, and approval of financial statements.

Music is very expensive. EYO librarians 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 (also attached) and hand in their music at the end of each concert, unless told otherwise. Many thanks to our two volunteer librarians:

Intermediate Orchestra Librarian - Janine Jacobs
Senior Orchestra Librarian - May Zhou

Rehearsals: All rehearsals take place in R 123, U of A, Fine Arts Bldg, unless otherwise noted (see attached schedule)

- EYO senior orchestra rehearsals begin Saturday, **September 14, 2019** until **May 2, 2020.** No rehearsal Dec 21, Dec 28, and April 11, 2020
- EYO intermediate orchestra rehearsals begin Wednesday **Sept 18 until April 29**. No rehearsals Dec 18, 25, Jan 1 and March 25 (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.*

Orchestra members must arrive 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the rehearsal and be in their seats 5 minutes prior, in time to warm up and go through the tuning procedure.

Wednesday, Intermediate Orchestra arrive 6:15pm
Saturday, Senior Orchestra - arrive 8:45 am

All cell phones are to be turned off during rehearsal.

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

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