

HOMESCHOOL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA INFORMATION

LOCATIONS:

Monday

Hope Free Lutheran Church
18300 Lexington Ave NE Wyoming, MN

Tuesday

Schmitt Music Galleria
3200 Galleria Edina, MN 55435-4218

Wednesday

South Suburban Evangelical Free Church
12600 Johnny Cake Ridge Road Apple Valley

Thursday

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
5929 Brooklyn Blvd Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

Schedule: Mondays and Wednesdays

Mondays: Hope Free Lutheran, Wyoming

Wednesdays: South Suburban E Free, Apple Valley

10:00	Beginner group 1
10:30	Beginning Orchestra
11:00	Beginner Group 2
12:00	Advanced Group 1
12:30	Advanced Group 2
1:00	Orchestra
2:00	Advanced Group 3
2:30	Advanced Group 4

Groups will be limited to no more than 4 people with exceptions for special chamber music

Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Tuesdays: Schmitt Music store- Edina Galleria

Thursdays: Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Center

9:00	Advanced Group 1
9:30	Advanced Group 2
10:00	Orchestra
11:00	Advanced Group 3
11:30	Advanced Group 4
12:00	Beginner group 1
12:30	Beginning Orchestra
1:00	Beginner Group

NAQs (newly asked questions)

Will there be private lessons?

Due to many factors, including scheduling we will be switching to group lessons. We will sometimes use a master class format where I work with students in short, focused sessions while other group members observe. I am also working on introducing SMARTMUSIC, software that assists students with pitch, rhythm and tone quality. This would be available to use during orchestra time as well as available for purchase for approximately \$25.00.

What about Chamber Music?

The groups will have mixed instrumentation. We will alternate chamber music and master class.

Will there be enough people for all orchestras?

We have set a 15 student minimum for the orchestras and have already had a response surpassing that. The 15 student minimum is needed to help with site fees as well as having a well- balanced group.

What about concerts?

We will have Shorter concerts! There will be monthly recitals to feature solos and small groups and the three main concerts will be just orchestra. The three main concerts will be one hour in length. Performance in at least one solo recital is mandatory.

Calendar/Events – August Calendar

Monday 8/21

North Metro Returning students open house 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday 8/22

Edina Returning students open house 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday 8/23

Apple Valley Returning Students open house 1:00 P.M.

Thursday 8/24

Brooklyn Center Returning Students open house 10:00 A.M

Monday 8/28

North Metro new student open house 1:00 P.M

Tuesday 8/29

Edina new student open house 10:00 A.M

Wednesday 8/30

Apple Valley new student open house 1:00 P.M

Thursday 8/31

Brooklyn Center new student open house 10:00 A.M

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Returning students:

Please bring completed enrollment forms, If you can't make the meeting, bring it to the new student meeting or mail it to the Strike Up The Band office. You will receive your handbook, sign up for lesson times and phone tree. We will have brief and informal discussions on fundraising and instrument building. Returning students are welcome at the new member open houses too!

New students:

You will have a chance to hear a small ensemble from the orchestra, as well as meet parents and students. There will be instruments to try for those unsure of which instrument they want. There will also be sign up sheets and forms for instrument rental. You will receive handbooks, and be able to sign up for lesson times and the phone tree

Please note: North Metro Orchestra will not meet on Labor Day September 4th but will start September 11th

Materials List:

Get a head start on the season!
Materials list for MHCO

New students – Required:

- Essential Elements 2000
- Suzuki book 1 with CD
- Sponge shoulder rest (violin/viola) or rock stop (cello/bass)
- Black 3 ring binder with page protectors inside

Recommended:

- Music stand
- Kun or Wolf shoulder rest

Returning students: – Required:

- * Appropriate level Suzuki book or Solos for young violin/viola/cello players
- Non-sponge shoulder rest (violin/viola)
- Black 3 ring binder

Recommended:

- Tuner
 - Metronome
 - Spare strings
 - Music stand
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New members section

MHCO is open to everyone, even if you've never played an instrument! Our beginning orchestra starts with opening the case and the lessons take us through note-reading, playing solos and playing in a group!

We're open to all school age students too!

If you already play an instrument and want to try playing in a group we'd love to have you! Instruments in the orchestra include violin, viola and cello. If you're interested in playing bass or harp, we would love to have you as well!

If you have questions, you're always welcome to call or e-mail:

Cheryl Hartman - program coordinator
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Cheryl.hartmann@schmittmusic.com
or
Ellie Fregni - Director
612-205-3621
crazyviolist@msn.com

For more information come to one of our new member open houses, listed on the other page. You'll meet current orchestra members and hear them play, try out instruments and have a chance to sign up if you want to play in orchestra!