

## **Symphony Orchestra Newsletter - August 23**

**Location:** Pike High School

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Signs will be posted on the entry doors at the loading dock right next to the main entrance to the performing arts center.

### **Rehearsal Times:**

Concert Orchestra: 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Philharmonic Orchestra 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Symphony Orchestra: 1:00 - 4:30 pm

**Note to Parents:** A separate e-mail will be sent on Friday as a recap of the parent meeting from the retreat last weekend.

**Remember to bring (to EVERY rehearsal):** music, music stand, instrument and bow, rock stop

**Note about music stands:** Symphony Orchestra will be allowed to use Butler music stands when we are located there. HOWEVER, there are not enough stands for everyone. If you have a wire stand at home, you will be expected to have it with you at rehearsal in case a Butler stand is not available.

**From the conductor** - rehearsal schedule:

1:00 - 2:30 pm Rimsky-Korsakov

Harps are excused at 2:30 pm

2:30 - 4:00 pm Saint-Saens

1<sup>st</sup> movement Allegro and all of 2<sup>nd</sup> movement

Low brass and percussion are excused at 4:00 pm

4:00 - 4:30 pm Saint-Saens

Adagio section of 1<sup>st</sup> movement

Percussion: Between all of you, please coordinate bringing the following to rehearsal: triangle, tambourine, snare drum, suspended cymbal, and castanets (Becky: Mr. Han may be able to help you with this). We will not have access to small percussion equipment at Pike High School this Sunday. I will also bring what I can from other facilities, but your assistance is appreciated!

**August 30 rehearsal:**

Tentatively scheduled for Carmel High School. Watch your e-mail and the website for more details next week.

**Set-up and clean-up at rehearsal:**

Members are expected to set-up the rehearsal room as they arrive. At the end of rehearsals at Butler, all music stands must be put away on the stand racks. To make this easy for the sections, we have a schedule (found in the member handbook):

September: Violin 1

October: Violin 2

November/December: Viola

January: Cello

February: Bass/Woodwinds

March: Brass/Percussion/Harps

April: Strings

May: Brass/Woodwinds/Percussion/Harps

At venues other than Butler, clean-up may be different and we expect the entire orchestra to stay and help on those days.

**Chamber Music:** Are you interested in participating in a chamber program this year? We will be seeking opportunities for gigs for chamber ensembles. Let us know of your interest when you check in at rehearsal on Sunday and we'll be in touch with more details.

**Fun program for members: Speak of the Week**

The rules are simple. Visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/newworldyouthorchestra](http://www.facebook.com/newworldyouthorchestra). (Not a fan yet? Join now! Otherwise you can't post. Don't have Facebook? E-mail your answer to [Speak.of.the.Week@gmail.com](mailto:Speak.of.the.Week@gmail.com)). Click the "Boxes" tab. Find the newest SPEAK OF THE WEEK discussion topic and post a reply.

How to win:

Respond to the topic with the best, most creative answer and you can win a prize at the next week's rehearsal. We will announce each week's new topic before rehearsal. You have until the following Friday to post a response. Winners will be announced at the next Sunday rehearsal.

(Note: Vulgarity and profanity is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification and deletion of the response.)

This week's topic: What is the funniest knock-knock joke you have ever heard?

**Member handbook tip:**

Do you know how to report an absence?

Report an absence by e-mailing [attendance@nwyo.org](mailto:attendance@nwyo.org). We expect to receive absence notifications at least during the week prior to the anticipated absence, except in the case of illness or emergency. The earlier the notification the better! If you decide to tell your conductor directly, we ask that you still contact the New World office at the above e-mail address as well.

**Exciting offer!**

Many of you picked up a brochure from the Ensemble Music Society at the retreat. This group presents 6 chamber music concerts each season in Indianapolis. They are currently offering FREE tickets to students ages 18 and younger (check out the Guarneri Quartet, for example). This is a truly exciting and exceptional opportunity. Make the most of it and put their concert dates on your calendar. If you would like a brochure I will bring the remaining copies to rehearsal on Sunday.

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