



# Musician's Handbook 2023-2024

The Musician's Handbook serves as a reference for all things SJSYO. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to review it carefully at the beginning of the season and refer to it for questions throughout the year.

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## CONTACT AND LOCATION

San Juan Symphony  
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## WHO'S WHO

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## CONCERT VENUE

**Community Concert Hall**  
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## STAY INFORMED

### WEBSITE

Important information is posted on the website including audition material, updates, and concert details. Please visit the website for information before calling the office.

### READ & HEEDS - EMAIL

Read & Heeds are emailed notices from the SJS Youth Orchestra Music Director about important information and announcements, as well as upcoming events. Students and parents are encouraged to check email frequently, so as not to miss important updates, and to make sure email settings allow receipt of email from SJSYO Staff.

### REHEARSAL NOTES - EMAIL

Rehearsal notes, sent through email by your student's conductor, contain conductors' observations on the previous rehearsal and guidance on areas to focus practice. Rehearsal notes will be sent weekly by email, although timing may vary.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Be sure to "like" the San Juan Symphony Youth Orchestras on Facebook and Instagram (@sjsyo). We post photos, community events, and fun updates whenever we are excited about something and want to share it with you!

### REMIND TEXT MESSAGING (for Youth Orchestra musicians only)

Remind is a way in which Youth Orchestra musicians are texted reminders from their conductor with important information. All Youth Orchestra musicians are expected to register for text updates by sending a text to 81010 with the message [@sjsyo2](https://www.remind.com/join/sjsyo2) or visit the link <https://www.remind.com/join/sjsyo2>

The SJSYO staff requests that you check the communication methods above for information before calling the office. If you still can't find what you're looking for, please call and we will be happy to help!

## ENSEMBLES, IMPORTANT DATES

### Youth Orchestra (YO)

#### Grade 8-College

Conductor Sayra Siverson  
Rehearsals – Tuesdays  
6:30pm-8:30pm  
Fort Lewis College  
Jones Hall, Band Room  
1000 Rim Drive  
Durango, CO 81301

#### Informational Meeting (required)

Tuesday, August 29, 2023: 6:00PM  
Fort Lewis College, Jones Hall, Classroom

#### Dress Rehearsals (required)

Saturday, November 18, 2023: 1:00PM  
Sunday, April 28, 2024: 1:00PM  
Fort Lewis College, Community Concert Hall

#### Concerts (required)

Saturday, November 18, 2023: 7:00PM  
Sunday, April 28, 2024: 7:00PM  
Fort Lewis College, Community Concert Hall

### Junior Orchestra (JO)

#### Grades 5-9

Conductor Molly Jensen  
Rehearsals – Mondays Farmington; Tuesdays Durango  
5:30pm-7:00pm  
Farmington High School      Fort Lewis College  
Orchestra Room              Jones Hall, Classroom  
2200 N. Sunset Ave.          1000 Rim Drive  
Farmington, NM 87401      Durango, CO 81301

#### Informational Meeting (required)

Farmington: Monday, August 21, 5:30PM, FHS Orch Rm  
Durango: Tuesday, August 29, 5:30PM, FLC Jones Hall

#### Dress Rehearsals (required)

Saturday, November 18, 2023: 3:00PM  
Sunday, April 28, 2024: 3:00PM  
Fort Lewis College, Community Concert Hall

#### Concerts (required)

Saturday, November 18, 2023: 7:00PM  
Sunday, April 28, 2024: 7:00PM  
Fort Lewis College, Community Concert Hall

## SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS

### Chamber Music Program – Youth Orchestra

Chamber music is played by small groups, with one musician to each part. Music is performed without a conductor, and is intended to be heard in intimate settings. The valuable skills and lessons derived from symphonic music performance are amplified in chamber music. Within a chamber ensemble each member is a section, highlighting and strengthening a student's abilities through self-directed and team-guided learning. Top ensembles are often requested for important community events. Groups performing at such events will be selected at the discretion of SJSYO Conductors. Contact Ms. Siverson if you are interested in performing in a chamber group.

#### Chamber Groups and Instruction

The SJSYO Chamber Music Program is open to students enrolled in the Youth Orchestra only. Students who are interested are organized into chamber groups by instrument and ability at the discretion of the SJSYO Conductor.

#### Performances

SJSYO takes chamber music out of the concert hall and into the community. Chamber performances typically take place in community venues and outdoor community spaces.

## SEASON CALENDAR

### Youth Orchestra 2023-2024

\*subject to change

Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
Saturday	August 26, 2023	Audition Video Deadline	n/a	Email
Tuesday	August 29, 2023	Registration Deadline	5:30pm	n/a
Tuesday	August 29, 2023	Informational Meeting ( <i>Required</i> )	6:00pm-6:25pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	August 29, 2023	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	September 5, 2023	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	September 12, 2023	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	September 19, 2023	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	September 26, 2023	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	October 3, 2023	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	October 10, 2023	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	October 17, 2023	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	October 24, 2023	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	October 31, 2023	Rehearsal (it's Halloween!)	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	November 7, 2023	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	November 14, 2023	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Saturday	November 18, 2023	Dress Rehearsal ( <i>Required</i> )	1:00pm	Community Hall
Saturday	November 18, 2023	Fall Concert ( <i>Required</i> )	7:00pm	Community Hall
Tuesday	January 16, 2024	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	January 28, 2024	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	January 30, 2024	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	February 6, 2024	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	February 13, 2024	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	February 20, 2024	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	February 27, 2024	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	March 5, 2024	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	March 12, 2024	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	March 19, 2024	No Rehearsal – FLC Spring Break	n/a	n/a
Tuesday	March 26, 2024	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	April 2, 2024	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	April 9, 2024	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	April 16, 2024	Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	April 23, 2024	Rehearsal	6:30-8:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Sunday	April 28, 2024	Dress Rehearsal ( <i>Required</i> )	1:00pm	Community Hall
Sunday	April 28, 2024	Spring Concert ( <i>Required</i> )	7:00pm	Community Hall

## SEASON CALENDAR

### Durango Junior Orchestra 2023-2024

\*subject to change

Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
Saturday	August 26, 2023	Audition Video Deadline	n/a	Email
Tuesday	August 29, 2023	Registration Deadline	4:30pm	n/a
Tuesday	August 29, 2023	Informational Meeting ( <i>Required</i> )	5:30pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	August 29, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	September 5, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	September 12, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	September 19, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	September 26, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	October 3, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	October 10, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	October 17, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	October 24, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Monday	October 30, 2023	Farmington Joint Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Tuesday	November 7, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	November 14, 2023	Durango Joint Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Saturday	November 18, 2023	Dress Rehearsal ( <i>Required</i> )	3:00pm	Community Hall
Saturday	November 18, 2023	Fall Concert ( <i>Required</i> )	7:00pm	Community Hall
Tuesday	January 16, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	January 28, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	January 30, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	February 6, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	February 13, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	February 20, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	February 27, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	March 5, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	March 12, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	March 19, 2024	No Rehearsal – FLC Spring Break	n/a	n/a
Tuesday	March 26, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	April 2, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	April 9, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	April 16, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Tuesday	April 23, 2024	Durango Joint Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Sunday	April 28, 2024	Dress Rehearsal ( <i>Required</i> )	3:00pm	Community Hall
Sunday	April 28, 2024	Spring Concert ( <i>Required</i> )	7:00pm	Community Hall

## SEASON CALENDAR

### Farmington Junior Orchestra 2023-2024

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Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday	August 21, 2023	Audition Video Deadline	n/a	Email
Monday	August 21, 2023	Registration Deadline	n/a	n/a
Monday	August 21, 2023	Informational Meeting ( <i>Required</i> )	5:30pm	Farmington High
Monday	August 21, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	August 28, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	September 4, 2023	No Rehearsal	n/a	n/a
Monday	September 11, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	September 18, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	September 25, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	October 2, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	October 9, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	October 16, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	October 23, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	October 30, 2023	Farmington Joint Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	November 6, 2023	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Tuesday	November 14, 2023	Durango Joint Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Saturday	November 18, 2023	Dress Rehearsal ( <i>Required</i> )	3:00pm	Community Hall
Saturday	November 18, 2023	Fall Concert ( <i>Required</i> )	7:00pm	Community Hall
Monday	January 8, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	January 15, 2024	No Rehearsal	n/a	n/a
Monday	January 22, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	January 29, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	February 5, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	February 12, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	February 19, 2024	No Rehearsal	n/a	n/a
Monday	February 26, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	March 4, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	March 11, 2024	No Rehearsal – FHS Spring Break	n/a	n/a
Monday	March 18, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	March 25, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	April 1, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	April 8, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Monday	April 15, 2024	Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	Farmington High
Tuesday	April 23, 2024	Durango Joint Rehearsal	5:30pm-7:00pm	FLC Jones Hall
Sunday	April 28, 2024	Dress Rehearsal ( <i>Required</i> )	3:00pm	Community Hall
Sunday	April 28, 2024	Spring Concert ( <i>Required</i> )	7:00pm	Community Hall

## PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Private music lessons are an invaluable addition to participation in SJSYO. Not only does the one-on-one coaching help students excel musically at a more rapid rate, but also provides attention to specific challenges of orchestral music. Private music lessons are strongly encouraged for members of the Junior Orchestra and an expectation for all members of the Youth Orchestra. FLC Music Majors: please check your course syllabus for course requirements.

## SCHOOL MUSIC PARTICIPATION

All middle and high school members of SJSYO are asked to be enrolled as regular members of their school's curricular band or orchestra, if available, for the duration of their participation in SJSYO. This is an important statement of support for school music programs which serve a broad range of students with varying levels of ability. By participating in school music programs, students benefit from playing every day, become better sight-readers and musicians, and play an important part in helping to build strong music programs in our schools and community.

### **Why SJSYO students are asked to participate in their school band & orchestra programs:**

- There is no substitute for the daily rehearsal that comes with school music programs. SJSYO rehearsals happen only once a week; it is the combination of school ensemble rehearsals and SJSYO rehearsals that allow our students to master challenging & musically rewarding repertoire each year.
- SJSYO serves as a supplement to, not a replacement of, music in the schools.
- School fine arts programs are being cut or reduced all across the country, and Colorado & New Mexico are no exception. When top students leave the programs, performance levels suffer, adding fuel to the fire that in-school music programs should be cut.
- Without school music instruction, most of the professional musicians in this area (and around the country) would not be where they are today.
- If we want the schools to support SJSYO, we must support school music programs. Not only do we ask school music teachers to promote and encourage their students to audition each year for SJSYO, we also frequently ask help of the school music educators if we are seeking students for specific instruments to fill out our ensembles.

### **What we will do to foster our relationship with school music educators:**

- Provide a calendar of SJSYO rehearsals, performances and other activities for the upcoming season so that school music programs can be scheduled so as not to conflict with SJSYO events to the extent possible.
- Absences will be accepted for mandatory school band & orchestra events.
- School music teachers receive complimentary admission to all SJSYO concerts.
- School music teachers are invited to attend open rehearsals of SJSYO ensembles.

Regular membership in a school band or orchestra program means enrollment in a formal learning experience for academic credit. If a school offers multiple ensembles for band and orchestra, students are to enroll in an ensemble that meets daily, or the most frequently, if daily is not an option.

SJSYO students are expected to participate in their school music program on the same instrument on which they are accepted into SJSYO.

## COLLEGIATE MUSICIANS

Collegiate musicians must either be registered and enrolled in the Fort Lewis College Symphony Orchestra as a class or register directly through the San Juan Symphony Youth Orchestra. Please see the online FLC class syllabus for details on expectations of and details about this season.



## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Since SJSYO ensemble rehearsals take place only once a week we can permit only a small number of excused absences from rehearsals each semester, and no excused absences are permitted for dress rehearsals and performances. If you know in advance that you will be unable to attend a rehearsal, tell us as soon as you know about it. This will make it possible for our conductors to better plan rehearsal time each week.

Attendance at all scheduled rehearsals is the expectation. When an orchestra rehearsal is missed there is no way to make up for the rehearsal time lost. We do, however, understand that conflicts arise and simply ask you for early and clear communication.

All absences must be communicated in advance to your conductor **AND** orchestra manager:

1. Absences from regular rehearsals are limited to a specific number per semester.
  - **Orchestra ensembles = 2 absence maximum per semester**
  - **Chamber Music Program = 1 absence maximum per semester**
2. Attendance of the dress rehearsal is required to perform at the concert.
3. Attendance of all dress rehearsals and concerts is required.
4. Absence from  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a rehearsal may be considered  $\frac{1}{2}$  absence toward your total. For example, if you need to be absent to attend a basketball game or award ceremony, you may arrange with your conductor to be absent for the first or second half of rehearsal.
5. Absences due to *required* school music performances or rehearsals must be pre-arranged with your conductor as soon as you become aware of the conflict. SJSYO conductors will contact your school director once made aware of the conflict.
6. If a musician has a fever or is feeling unwell, please stay home for the safety of fellow musicians.

What if I have to miss a rehearsal?

1. **Tell your conductor ASAP:** Please let your conductor know that you will be absent as far in advance as possible. This is an opportunity to discuss what you may need to do to catch up or alternative options. **DON'T STOP HERE THOUGH – YOU MUST COMPLETE STEP 2.**
2. **Report the absence by email:** You must email your conductor and orchestra manager of the absence as soon as you are aware of it. **SJSYO does not accept phone calls or text messages to report absences.** (If you do not have access to the internet, please let us know so we can make alternate arrangements for you to report absences.)

What happens if I go over the allowed number of absences?

1. When you reach two absences, you will be placed on probation. If absences continue, you may be dismissed from the program at the discretion of your conductor.
2. When we are forced to consider your possible dismissal from the program, your communication with your conductor and timely reporting of absences will be taken into consideration. Conductors require verification of the reason for absences over the maximum allowed (e.g., a note from school director or doctor, etc.). Communication is the key to successful participation.
3. Fort Lewis College (FLC) Symphony Orchestra grades are affected by attendance, so FLC students must communicate with your conductor in order to avoid being docked for excessive absences or removed from the class.

## AUDITION POLICY

All new students must audition with the Conductors for placement, including students in Junior Orchestra auditioning for Youth Orchestra, and 2nd Violins auditioning for 1st Violin. Returning students may request to retain their position annually. Placement decisions are final and may not be appealed. Conductors may add students mid-season at their discretion to meet orchestration requirements.

## ROTATIONAL SEATING AND CHAIR AUDITIONS

SJSYO uses rotational seating in most sections. Solos and parts are assigned at the discretion of the conductor. Chair auditions may be required for YO string students.

## BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

SJSYO students are representatives of the San Juan Symphony Youth Orchestra program and must conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on SJSYO at all times. Specifically they must:

1. Demonstrate appropriate, respectful behavior toward SJSYO staff, fellow students and audience, parents and officials at all performance and rehearsal venues.
2. Be punctual and prepared for all rehearsals, meetings, performances, and/or scheduled events related to SJSYO. Students not in their seat when tuning begins are considered late. Parents, please don't drop your students off for rehearsals and performances at the last minute. It takes time for musicians to set up and prepare to rehearse, and this should not come at the expense of other students. Please help your student participate fully in the rehearsal or performance by allowing sufficient time to get to the rehearsal on time.
3. Listen to instruction from the conductor. Do not talk while conductors are on the podium.
4. **Turn off and put away – out of sight and out of reach - all electronic devices during all rehearsals and performances.**
5. Use facilities properly, keeping the rehearsal rooms clean and ensuring that Fort Lewis College property is kept in good condition.
6. Abide by the dress and grooming standards set by SJSYO staff and conductors for the particular ensemble or activity.

### **Prohibited activities during any SJSYO activity include:**

1. Engaging in any conduct that deprives another person of the exercise of personal rights and responsibilities, or engaging in any conduct which disrupts any SJSYO activity.
2. Engaging in hazing, harassment or bullying of others.
3. Causing or attempting to cause damage to any school facility or private property; or stealing or attempting to steal.
4. Causing or attempting to cause physical injury to any person or behaving in such a way as could reasonably cause physical injury to another person or themselves.
5. Possessing, handling or transmitting any object that could reasonably be considered a weapon.
6. Engaging in buying, selling, giving, delivering, using, possessing, or being under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, a controlled substance (without a prescription), or a dangerous drug at any time and regardless of age, when the student is at an SJSYO related activity.
7. Violating any applicable local, state or federal laws, or the applicable laws of other countries, or any SJSYO rules or policies.

If an SJSYO conductor, staff member and/or any chaperone determines that a student has engaged in any prohibited activities during any SJSYO activity, the student will immediately be sent home. The parent/guardian will be financially responsible for any damages or expenses that result from the student engaging in any prohibited activity, and the student will be dismissed as a participant in any SJSYO activities. Tuition will be non-refundable.

## PHOTOGRAPHY/FILMING

By enrolling in SJSYO, each member/parent/guardian consents for members to be photographed and/or filmed while participating in activities that can include, but are not limited to: rehearsals, tours, performances and special events. SJSYO reserves the right to use images or footage for program and marketing purposes that may include, but are not limited to: social media, newsletters, collateral materials, and advertisements. Please contact the Orchestra Manager if this presents a concern.

## MUSIC FOLDERS & STANDS

Each SJSYO member is assigned a folder at the beginning of the season; keep your music and a pencil in this folder. Every player is responsible for his or her own folder and the music issued. It is the student's responsibility to be certain that he or she has all the music that has been assigned. Bring your music folder and a pencil to every rehearsal.

## DRESS CODE

### Youth Orchestra

#### Girls Uniform

Black ankle-length dress pants, skirt, or dress. Black top (no spaghetti straps). Black dress shoes.

#### Boys Uniform

Black long-sleeved button-up collared dress shirt, long black dress tie (not a bow tie), black dress pants (no jeans), black dress shoes and black socks.

### Junior Orchestra

#### Girls Uniform

Black ankle-length dress pants, skirt, or dress. White top (no spaghetti straps). Black flat dress shoes. No colorful or shiny hair ornaments.

#### Boys Uniform

Black dress pants (no jeans). Long-sleeved white button-up collared dress shirt. Black dress shoes and black socks. Any solid-colored long dress tie (not a bow tie).

## SJSYO CONCERT TICKETS

Tickets for the Fall and Spring Concerts will be available for purchase through the Community Concert Hall and may be purchased online at [www.durangoconcerts.com](http://www.durangoconcerts.com)

## TOURS

### YO and JO School Performance Tours TBA

#### YO Community Outreach Concert Tours

Local travel for the purpose of music education and outreach will be done at the discretion of the SJSYO Youth Orchestra Conductor. A YO Regional Concert Tour is tentative for this season. Details TBA.

#### National or International Concert Tours

National or International travel for the purpose of music education will be done at the discretion of the SJSYO Youth Orchestra Conductor in consultation with the SJSYO Music Director. No National or International Concert Tours will take place during this season.

## COLLEGIATE MUSICIANS

The San Juan Symphony Youth Orchestra serves as the Fort Lewis College Symphony Orchestra with the opportunity to audition for additional performances with the San Juan Symphony, as available. If you would like to enroll in orchestra for credit, please contact your college advisor, or the FLC Orchestra Liaison. You may view the class syllabus online through FLC. If you do not have room in your schedule for the credit, you may enroll through SJSYO directly.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

The San Juan Symphony Youth Orchestra program is committed to supporting any student in need of financial assistance for tuition or fees. All families in need of support at any level are encouraged to contact the Orchestra Manager. Assistance is available for expenses associated with tuition. If you would like to sponsor a student in need, please indicate as such on your registration form.

## 2020-2021 TUITION AND FEES

Ensemble	Tuition
<b>Youth Orchestra (YO)</b>	\$250/year
<b>Junior Orchestra (JO)</b>	\$250/year

*\*Families with multiple siblings receive a discount*

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

Students may not attend rehearsals until registration form and tuition are submitted. Parents/Guardians must select one of the following payment options at the time of registration. Tuition Assistance is available to all students in need. If your student receives a Tuition Assistance award, a payment schedule will be provided.

Option 1: One Payment  
Pay in full at the time of registration

Option 2: Two Payments  
50% deposit due at time of registration and the remaining 50% due by mid-semester

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

	AMOUNT	PAYMENT DUE
<b>OPTION 1</b>	\$250	by 1 <sup>st</sup> rehearsal
<b>OPTION 2</b>	\$125	by 1 <sup>st</sup> rehearsal
	\$125	11/13/2023

Submit payment upon registration and Participation Form (final page of handbook) in person at the first rehearsal Informational Meeting or by email to your Conductor.

### Delinquent Accounts

Communication is critical. If you are struggling to make payments, you must contact the SJS Executive Director to discuss options. Lack of payment without communication may result in a student's suspension from SJSYO activities. Families with delinquent accounts from a prior year must pay the past due balance before returning student(s) may audition for or be placed into an ensemble for the upcoming season. A fee of \$35 will be applied for returned checks.

### Refunds

Tuition and fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

## TUITION AND FEE POLICIES

## STUDENT FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is an important part of any non-profit organization. Unfortunately, tuition only covers roughly 40% of the SJSYO's modest operating expenses each year, making fundraising throughout the year critical to ensuring sustainability of our program. In order to keep our tuition affordable for all who participate, **SJSYO is seeking donors in our community to partner with us in music education. Let us know if that community partner is you!**

## PARENT VOLUNTEERING

Active parent volunteers are an important part of the SJSYO culture. With approximately 100 students supported by an administrative staff of three, parent volunteers are essential to the success of the program. Throughout the year there are some opportunities to get involved from just a few hours to a weekly commitment. Other parents contribute gift-in-kind services and goods that reduce expenses to the program.

We request that parents participate as volunteers to the extent they are able. For our students' safety, a background check is required of all volunteers. Please contact your child's conductor to inquire about opportunities.

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