



A Closer Look at Our Orchestra Program

Symphonic Orchestra

A string orchestra comprised of students who play violin, viola, cello, or bass. All incoming freshmen begin in this group unless they choose to audition for Chamber Orchestra. This group performs a wide array of string orchestra literature, ranging from Baroque to contemporary. Symphonic Orchestra combines with members of the band and choir for a winter masterwork performance, collaborates in a spring concerto concert with full orchestra, and completes a chamber unit each year. Symphonic Orchestra members attend the fall retreat, compete at regional festivals, and perform at school concerts. Seating and section leader auditions take place at the beginning of each school year.

Chamber Orchestra

An auditioned chamber orchestra comprised of students who play violin, viola, cello, or bass. This is a highly selective and motivated group of string players. Chamber Orchestra performs a rigorous array of string orchestra literature ranging from Baroque to contemporary. Chamber Orchestra combines with members of the band and choir for a winter masterwork performance as well as collaborates in a spring concerto concert with full orchestra. Over the course of the year, students will form small ensembles (trios, quartets, etc.) for various gig and performance opportunities. Chamber Orchestra attends the fall retreat, competes at regional festivals, performs at school concerts, and takes out-of-state trips. Seating and section leader auditions take place at the beginning of each school year.

Extracurricular—Fiddle Ensemble

This ensemble is comprised of students who play violin, viola, cello, bass, guitar, mandolin etc. Fiddle ensemble members work to refine their improvisational skills, learn music in an aural tradition, and perform authentic American roots music by arranging traditional tunes of the American Roots and Jazz repertoire. The Fiddle Ensemble performs at school concerts and special events, and is available for private performances throughout the year.

Uniforms

Men's Concert Uniforms

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts and is loaned to students for the school year and kept at home.

Tux jacket and pants, bow tie, cummerbund, garment bag and hanger

All men will be measured by a professional, after school on Sept 11th and 12th. This is mandatory for all men.

Students must provide:

Black socks, black dress shoes (no tennis shoes), tux shirt, cuff-links, and studs. Tux shirts, cuff-links and studs are available to purchase from Ted Brown Music, 1006 NE 50th St, 206-622-0171. The tux shirts cost \$19.99.

Women's Concert Uniforms

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts and is loaned to students for the school year and kept at home.

Black velvet top, black satin skirt and garment bag and hanger

All returning women will try on their concert clothes on August 31st, returning students from 9:00-12:00 PM and new students from 12:00-3:00 PM. If you cannot make August 31st, please come September 1st from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM or contact the Orchestra Family Rep, Sylvia Schweinberger at BPABorchestarep@gmail.com

Student must provide:

Black, low heeled, closed toe dress shoes and black hose.

T-shirt

All orchestra students will have the same t-shirt, which comes included with the annual fee. This shirt is worn on trips and at informal events where formal attire is not required.



Ballard High School Performing Arts

P.O. Box 17774, Seattle, WA 98127 – www.ballardperformingarts.org

Fees

Music Department Annual fee

\$135 yearly fee paid by all orchestra students. Fee must be paid by September 15th, 2017. Each year we ask that all students pay a Music Department annual fee to help cover the cost of our operating expenses—sheet music, festival fees, transportation, uniforms, t-shirts, instrument repair, and uniform cleaning and maintenance. As many of you know, the Seattle Public School District funds only the teachers' salaries. Running a professional quality music program requires significant support from our community. We are grateful to our Ballard Performing Arts community, and deeply appreciate your support. Orchestra students may participate in band and/or choir groups without paying another fee. Jazz Bands and percussion class include separate fees.

Orchestra Camp

\$165 fee paid by all orchestra students. Fee must be submitted by July 1st 2017. Orchestra camp is September 29th to October 1st at Camp Burton on Vashon Island and includes all members of Chamber and Symphonic Orchestra. Camp provides orchestra students with intensive and focused solo, sectional, and ensemble study. Students will get to know each other, set goals, learn new music, sight read, and work in solo and group performances. They will also improve listening skills with the help of individualized instrument coaching. Fee covers cost of camp, food and lodging, transportation and coaches.

How to make payments

You now have the opportunity to make payments over the summer for orchestra activities. Make checks payable to Ballard Performing Arts and send to BHS Performing Arts Booster Club, P.O. Box 17774, Seattle, WA 98127. Payments can also be made online by credit card at www.ballardperformingarts.org then go to Boosters Tab, then Forms and Payments. No credit card processing fees are charged.

The Music faculty, together with the Ballard High School Performing Arts Booster Club (BPABC), is committed to providing a high quality experience for all students who wish to participate in Performing Arts activities regardless of financial circumstances. If you are in need of scholarship assistance, please download the form at <http://www.ballardperformingarts.org/Boosters/FormsandPayments.aspx> and return it to your students' teacher or to the P.O. Box listed above.

Estimated 2017-2018 trip fees

- *Chamber Orchestra: National Orchestra Cup in New York City, Alice Tully Hall
February 28th through March 4th – estimated \$1800*

Orchestra Events

Women's Uniform Fitting: August 31st – 8:00-12:00 for returning students, 12:00-3:00 for new students at BHS

Men's Uniform Fitting: September 11th and 12th, after school at BHS

Ballard Performing Arts Meeting: September 12th
6:00 pm BHS Library

Orchestra Camp: September 29th – October 1st
Chamber Orchestra PLU Invitational: October 13th

Contacts

Brittany Newell – Director of Orchestras
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Lisa Barnes—Student Accounts

BPABasbtreasurer@gmail.com



Ballard Performing Arts Check List

All BPA Students: please circle group

Band	Choir	Orchestra
_____	Camp Fee due July 1	\$165.00
_____	Annual Program Fee due Sept 15	\$135.00

Program Specific Fees:

_____	Jazz I & II Fee Due Sept 15	\$105.00
_____	Percussion Class Fee Due Sept 15	\$52.00

You may pay any of the above fees online at www.ballardperformingarts.org or by check made out to: BPA, PO Box 17774, Seattle, WA 98127

If you need financial assistance, please complete and return the scholarship form found on the website.

Interested in chaperoning at camp?

Name _____

Email _____

Or send a message to:

ballardperformingarts@gmail.com