

**Western Illinois University School of Music  
Community Music School**

**String Orchestra  
2011-2012 Handbook**

Welcome to the WIU Community Music School String Orchestra Program! Joining an orchestra takes commitment, dependability, and musicianship. The members of the orchestra will be fine musicians who demonstrate a high level of string playing and musical expression. Rehearsals will be fun and engaging as we make music together. This year we will perform 2 concerts in the COFAC Recital Hall on the university campus. More playing opportunities may develop during the semester.

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**Purpose:** *This string orchestra program is designed to develop musicianship and ensemble skills through rehearsing and performing quality string literature.*

**Rehearsals:** String Orchestra: Saturdays, 11:30 – 1:00 PM in Browne Hall, Room 129

**Concerts**

- Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – *Dickens on the Square*
- Saturday, January 21, 2012
- Spring Performance May 16, 2012
  
- *Potluck reception – more details to follow each performance*
- *Other performance opportunities may come up during the year. Stay tuned!*

**Performance Attire**

- Girls – long, dark skirt or dark dress pants, white shirt and black shoes
- Boys – dark dress pants, white shirt, dark shoes, dark socks and a long tie of any solid color.

**Tuition:** \$75 per semester or \$150 per year

**Attendance Policy**

Attendance and active participation at all rehearsals /classes is crucial to the success of any organization. It is expected that all members will demonstrate responsibility, punctuality, and dependability as part of their commitment to the organization. Commitment to an organization often includes making choices that are difficult. If a student knows that he/she will have to be absent from a rehearsal /class, please email or call Dr. Cangro. Excessive absence (more than twice per semester) is not acceptable.

**Expectations**

1. Members of the WIU Concert String Orchestra are expected to attend all designated rehearsal and performance dates listed on the Orchestra Calendar. If additional rehearsals and/or performances are required, they will be communicated well in advance. Members are not expected to attend rehearsals on religious holidays or that are in conflict with school music performances. Members with excessive absences may be not be able to perform on the concert.
2. Members are responsible for all music or supplies checked out to them and must pay for anything that is lost or damaged.
3. Members are expected to demonstrate a high level of self-discipline, maturity, and professionalism at all times. They are expected to be courteous, polite, and respectful of other instrumentalists and adults. Members who cannot abide by these expectations will be dismissed from the organization.

**At Rehearsals**

1. Members should plan to be in place and ready to begin with all the music and materials at the designated time for each rehearsal.
2. Each instrumentalist should always keep a **sharpened pencil** in his/her folder.
3. Instrumentalists are responsible for knowing assigned music when they come to a rehearsal.
4. Food and beverages may not be consumed during rehearsals, except for water.
5. Folders should be kept neat and organized.

**At Performances**

1. Instrumentalists should plan on being in place at the designated time.
2. Instrumentalists are required to wear the designated attire at all performances. Members who do not dress appropriately will not be allowed to perform.
3. Instrumentalists who do not attend the final rehearsal before the performance may not perform with the ensemble.