August 3, 2020

Dear PYSO Member:

Congratulations on your membership in the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra’s 2020-2021 season!

Please read all pages of this attachment carefully. Forms are posted on the “For Members” page of the PYSO website and may be filled out online (preferred) or you may print, fill out and return by US mail no later than August 28, 2020. If mailed, send to: PYSO, 600 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. In the next week or so we will be mailing to your home address a COVID19 Waiver form that will need to be signed by the student and one of their parents.

**Deadlines/Important Dates:**

We are still finalizing the 2020-2021 PYSO schedule. Given the fluidity of the current COVID19 situation we will not be able to start in person rehearsals with the full orchestra in September as originally planned. Therefore, we have created a virtual program for the Fall semester and will hope to have in person rehearsals as soon as it is safe and possible, with concerts in the Spring of 2021. Please be patient! In the meantime, below is the virtual programming for this Fall:

- **“Beyond the Notes”** sessions with Music Director Earl Lee and special guests in a live performance interview discussing topics of interest to young musicians.
- Online sectionals/studio classes facilitated by PYSO coaches.
- Special sessions with PSO musicians and other guests.
- Focus for online sessions will be on repertoire (subject to change) planned for PYSO’s 75th Anniversary:
  - Bizet - Farandole from L’Arlésienne Suite No. 2 / Dukas - The Sorcerer’s Apprentice
  - Gliere - Concerto for Harp and Orchestra in E-flat major (1. Allegro moderato) (Amanda Kengor, soloist)
  - David Stock - Drive Time OR Blast! / Wagner - Prelude to Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg
  - Respighi - Feste Romane
- We may also be exploring chamber orchestra repertoire such as:
  - Brahms - Academic Festival Overture / Debussy - Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun
  - Berlioz - Hungarian March from Faust / Mozart - Symphony No.41 “Jupiter”

A full calendar will be posted on our website when more details are confirmed, but please note that virtual sessions will most likely take place on Sunday evenings between 6 and 9 PM (but not necessarily for three hours, most if not all sessions will be shorter). The schedule is currently tentative and subject to change. Throughout the season changes and updates to the PYSO schedule will be posted every Friday by noon on the “For Members” page of the PYSO website. Throughout the year we send out reminders and updates to all orchestra members and parents via email and via Remind text messaging.

Congratulations again. We look forward to working with you to create an exciting season for all!

_Craig Johnson, Executive Director / Earl Lee, Music Director / Eve Goodman, Program Director_

Forms we need from you:

- Member Agreement & Publicity Release Permission-[submit online or complete and return](#)
- PYSO Attendance Policy-[submit online or complete and return](#)
- Invoice-[submit online or complete and return](#)

Other links:

- [Scholarship Application form](#) - optional but must be returned by August 28, 2020.
- [PYSO Undergraduate Music Fellowship](#) - optional but must be returned by August 28, 2020.
2020-2021 MEMBER AGREEMENT
& PUBLICITY RELEASE PERMISSION

(Please note that if you have already filled out the 2020-2021 Member Online Registration Form, you do not have to fill out these forms.)

By signing and returning this document, you hereby:

- Accept membership in the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra for the 2020-2021 season.
- Agree to follow the policies and procedures established by PYSO. Please click the following link to our Policies and Procedures and review. The document is also available on the “For Members” page of PYSO’s website.
- Acknowledge that you have been informed of the PYSO schedule and that given the current status of COVID19, that the PYSO program for the first part of the season will be virtual. If we can do so, we will schedule sectionals or smaller rehearsals that follow size restriction guidelines.
- Agree to abide by the PYSO’s attendance requirements and guidelines. Please note, the current status of COVID19 makes our first and foremost concern the health and well-being of our students, staff and PYSO families.
- Acknowledge that the membership dues for the 2020-2021 season are $500 that may be paid in one installment; two installments or eight equal installments. If you would like to propose/discuss an alternate payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Please see invoice for more details. Any student may apply for scholarship (financial) assistance for membership dues by submitting the online scholarship application form.
- Acknowledge that you are aware that you will need to sign and return a copy of the PYSO Minor Participant Waiver/Release Form.
- Authorize PYSO and its legal representatives to use and reproduce member’s name, image and voice in any and all PYSO publications, advertising, promotions and website for the 2020-2021 season and that all materials shall be the property of PYSO solely and completely.

Acknowledged and Agreed:

________________________________   __________________________
PYSO MEMBER PRINTED NAME   PYSO MEMBER SIGNATURE   DATE

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PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME   PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE   DATE

Please sign, date, and return this agreement by August 28, 2020
You may want to make and keep a copy for your records.

Scan and Email to info@pyso.org - or - Mail to:
Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra
600 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
2020-2021 SEASON ATTENDANCE POLICY

A guiding philosophy of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra is that professional responsibility is critical to musical excellence. Absences are detrimental to the orchestra’s progress and counterproductive to your own personal musical growth. However, we understand that absences may be unavoidable and have developed the following attendance policy.

Normally, students are permitted a total of 5 absences per season, not to exceed more than 3 in any one rehearsal cycle leading up to a major concert. However, flexibility must be allowed for the current season.

- If PYSO members or anyone in their immediate living situation have tested positive for COVID19 or present with any symptoms, you cannot attend in-person rehearsals. COVID19 has a wide range of symptoms from mild to severe, such as: Fever or chills/cough/shortness of breath or difficulty breathing/fatigue/muscle or body aches/headache/new loss of taste or smell/sore throat/congestion or runny nose/nausea or vomiting/diarrhea. Please consult your physician for question or concerns.
- If any PYSO member is in an at-risk population for COVID19 (as listed on the CDC website) you are not required to attend in-person rehearsals. However, we do request medical documentation to be excused.
- All members are expected to attend all scheduled activities, whether virtual or in-person when such activities resume.
- Absence Forms are located on the “For Members” page of the website and need to be filled out and submitted online no less than two weeks before the scheduled activity. The PYSO office Staff evaluates absence requests/notifications on an individual basis.
- Reasons for absence will be treated on a case by case basis.
- Conflicts with religious holidays and/or mandatory school activities would not be counted as an absence if we are made aware of conflicts in advance.
- The PYSO Calendar located under the “What’s Happening” tab on PYSO’s website includes the 2020-21 season schedule and has the most up-to-date information for programs and activities.
- Weekly reminders as well as notices of last-minute changes or cancellations will be sent out via text message or email to students and parents via “remind.com”.

Acknowledged and Agreed:

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PYSO MEMBER PRINTED NAME                        PYSO MEMBER SIGNATURE                        DATE

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PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME                     PARENT/ GUARDIAN SIGNATURE                    DATE
If you pay your membership dues online via PayPal, there is no need to complete and turn in the paper version of this form.

2020-2021 season - INVOICE for MEMBERSHIP DUES
Payment Due: August 28, 2020

Membership dues cover only a small portion of PYSO’s annual operating expenses. The remainder is covered by grants, donations, fundraisers, and other income.

Scholarship assistance, based on financial need or merit, is available for membership dues. If you wish to apply, please fill out the scholarship application form and submit it with all other forms no later than August 28, 2020.

Please note: If you are submitting a scholarship application form, do not fill out and return this invoice.

Student’s Name __________________________________________________

Annual Membership Dues $500
($50 discount for second child in family)

_____ Check here if you wish to make two payments of $250.
(2nd payment due by January 3, 2021)

OR

_____ Check here if you wish to make eight payments of $62.50
(due on the 28th of Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar and April)

If you would like to propose/discuss an alternate payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Optional Tax-Deductible Contribution to PYSO’s Scholarship Fund _______

Total Amount Enclosed: _______

Please enclose a check made payable to “PYSO”.

Or – Pay by Credit Card (There is a 2% surcharge for credit card payments.)

_____ MasterCard   _____ Visa   _____ American Express   _____ Discover

Credit Card #_________________________________________________________ Exp. Date __________

Name as it appears on card _______________________________________ CVV Code _______

Or - make an online payment for dues via PayPal. (There is a 3% surcharge for using PayPal.)

Full Payment of $500       Half Payment of $250       Monthly Installment of $62.50

Submission (via online or USPS) of the Membership Registration and invoice with payment is due August 28, 2020.
Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra - 600 Penn Avenue - Pittsburgh, PA 15222