



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Albuquerque Youth Orchestra Parents and Students

FROM: Sayra Siverson, Albuquerque Youth Orchestra Conductor  
Gabriel Gordon, AYS Program Music Director

Congratulations and welcome to what I hope will be a WONDERFUL year as members of the Albuquerque Youth Orchestra. We were very impressed with the quality of the auditions and look forward to some great performances. **Updates during the season will be sent by e-mail, so please be sure we have an accurate email address for you.**

### DEADLINES/IMPORTANT DATES:

- 1. Between July 5 – 8:** Pick up your music folder from Robertson & Sons Violin Shop (3201 Carlisle NE) Come to camp PREPARED. There will be a CD and notes in your music folder outlining my expectations.
- 2. No later than July 11, 2011:** All **forms** and **tuition** are due in the AYS Office.
  - Personal Commitment to Musical Excellence form
  - Student Family Information Survey/Volunteer form
  - Financial Aid form, if applicable.
- 3. July 31 - August 3, 2011:** Hummingbird Music Camp  
**Sunday, July 31** – Students should arrive at 4:00 p.m. and unpack in their cabins. The first rehearsal begins at 4:30 p.m.  
  
**Wednesday, August 3** - You will be provided bus transportation back to Albuquerque after the noon meal. The bus will arrive between 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the northwest parking lot of Sandia High School (7801 Candelaria Boulevard NE). If it is more convenient for you, we will also have a Bernalillo drop off at the north parking lot at the Santa Ana Star Casino between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m. **IF you are going to meet us in Bernalillo, we need to hear from a parent - please call the AYS office (875-1319) by July 19.**
- 4. Monday, August 15, 2011:** Our parent meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the NM National Guard Armory before we begin our first rehearsal. It will no longer be held at camp.

The following students will appear on informal solo recitals during camp:

Meagan Andrade, Malia Kao, Elena Spafford, Xuan Nguyen, Henry Roberts, Emma Johnson, Sarah Sisneros, Briana Tapia, Jacob Hattler, Stephen Wade, Natalie Smith, Julia Nakhleh, Courtney McDaniel, Hope Mielke, Alyssa Jensen, Fabian Wildenstein, Cristina Dougherty, Emily Follingstad, and the percussion ensemble.

The AYS Program will provide an accompanist for the recitals. Please bring your accompaniment part to the AYS Program office no later than July 15.

**Be sure to take these supplies to Hummingbird Camp:**

Sleeping bag and pillow, soap, shampoo and wash cloth, light jacket or sweater, flashlight, extra strings and rosin, reeds and valve oil (as applicable). **REMEMBER** to bring a folding stand and pencil to camp! For more information, please check the Hummingbird website at [www.hummingbirdmusiccamp.org](http://www.hummingbirdmusiccamp.org).

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### **Behavior Expectations for all AYS Program Students**

Reasonable standards of behavior and dress are expected while rehearsing, performing, or participating in any event or activity associated with the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program. For more detail, please see the AYS Program Handbook at

[www.aysmusic.org/orchestras/handbook.php](http://www.aysmusic.org/orchestras/handbook.php).

1. Demonstrate appropriate, respectful behavior toward AYS Program staff, fellow students and at all performance and rehearsal venues.
2. Do not talk while your conductor is speaking. **All electronic devices, including cell phones, should be turned off and put away during rehearsals and concerts.**
3. Use facilities properly, remaining only in the areas assigned to your orchestra (i.e., please do not wander the halls), keeping the buildings clean and displaying mature, appropriate behavior at all times.
4. All forms of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances are strictly forbidden at all AYS Program events and activities.

### **Eligibility**

**All students accepted into the AYS program must make sure they meet the eligibility requirements.**

The AYS Program is an enhancement to, and not a substitute for, existing school music programs, each of which has independent rules and policies. AYS Program will coordinate activities with school programs as appropriate, but will neither interfere with, nor participate in establishing the rules or policies of, any school music program. Dismissal from any public or independent school will be viewed as a failure to participate in school band or orchestra and will result in dismissal from the AYS Program.

**Students must be enrolled as regular members of their school band or orchestra, if offered.** Students accepted into the Program on a string instrument (violin, viola, cello, string bass and harp) must be enrolled in their school orchestra. Students who are accepted into the Program on a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument must be enrolled in their school band. Home School students who also elect to attend a public school are subject to the same AYS Program membership requirements as public school students.

A list of students will be sent to all Music Directors, Orchestra Directors and Band Directors verifying appropriate participation according to AYS Program policy in your school instrumental music program. If your school has no instrumental program, the school principal must sign this sheet, indicating that no instrumental program is offered.

All students must meet the grade point requirements for extracurricular eligibility. Students must have at least a 2.0 grade point and cannot have failed two (2) classes.

Other AYS Program expectations, rules and information are listed in the AYS Program Handbook. If you have any questions, please call the office as soon as possible and definitely before camp.

### **ACT/SAT CONFLICTS - ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS:**

Please check your schedule prior to signing up for your SAT OR ACT on rehearsal, concert or event dates.

The ACT dates in 2011 - 2012 are: Sept. 10, Oct. 22, Dec. 10, Feb. 11, April 14, and June 9

The SAT dates in 2011 - 2012 are: Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 28, March 10, May 5 and June 2

### **QUESTIONS?**

Please contact the AYS Program office at 875-1319 or [ays@aysmusic.org](mailto:ays@aysmusic.org) or Ms. Siverson at 869-2325 or [batonwaver@gmail.com](mailto:batonwaver@gmail.com).

**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!**