



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Albuquerque Youth Symphony Parents and Students

FROM: Gabriel Gordon, Albuquerque Youth Symphony Conductor

Congratulations and welcome to what I hope will be a WONDERFUL year as members of the Albuquerque Youth Symphony. 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.**

<b>DEADLINES/IMPORTANT DATES:</b>
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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 payment** are due in the AYS Office.

- Personal Commitment to Musical Excellence form
- **Family Tour Contract**
- Student Family Information Survey/Volunteer form
- Financial Aid form, if applicable.

3. **August 3 – 6, 2011:** Hummingbird Music Camp

**Wednesday, August 3** - Report to **Sandia High School** (7801 Candelaria NE) in the North parking lot **by 8:15 a.m.** Please note that this is earlier than in previous years! You will be provided free bus transportation to Hummingbird. If it is more convenient for you, we will also have a Bernalillo pick up at the north parking lot at the Santa Ana Star Casino between 8:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. **IF you are going to meet us in Bernalillo OR arrive at Hummingbird by other means of transportation, we need to hear from a parent - please call the AYS office (875-1319) by July 19.**

**Saturday, August 6** - Camp is over after lunch and the concert. The Albuquerque Youth Symphony Parents Association requests that parents arrive for a short meeting at 11:00 a.m., which will be followed by lunch (parents, bring your own picnic lunch), and the students playing a short concert. We will depart for home around 1:30 p.m. You are responsible for arranging your own transportation back to Albuquerque.

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

**Albert Lee, Robby Herron, Kelsey Georgeson, Cassi Boyack, Olivia Smith, Thomas Chavez, Dominic Montoya, Brennan Rose, Dominic Lowhar, Maia Scarpetta 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 and things to pack, 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 (AYS Tour)

The SAT dates in 2011 - 2012 are: Oct. 1 (required dress rehearsal at Popejoy Hall), Nov. 5, Dec. 3 (LUMINARIA DAY – do not schedule!), Jan. 28, March 10, May 5 and June 2 (AYS Tour)

**QUESTIONS?**

Please call the AYS Program office at 875-1319 or send us an email at [ays@aysmusic.org](mailto:ays@aysmusic.org).

**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!**