



## **Gifted Music School Orchestra**

### **Policies and Procedures**

#### **2011 - 2012 Year**

**Goals:** To educate and train the finest young musicians and well rounded individuals. Students will gain the experience of ensemble training to perform at the highest level possible. Students will be driven to perform to the limits of their talents. Directors and sectional teachers will provide the highest professional level training to the students.

**Expectations:** Students are expected to be fully prepared and be on time and present at every rehearsal, sectional, and performances. Students who are part of orchestra are expected to have substantial discipline, a consistently strong work ethic, and respectful attitude. Students who are unable to meet the standards and/or attendance requirements will not perform in the upcoming concert, and may be dismissed.

**Concerts:** Students are expected to be prepared and on time for all concerts. Prior to concerts, sectional faculty will determine if students may perform. Students are expected to be completely prepared for all performances.

#### **String Program:**

GMS rehearsals start at 8:00am on Saturday mornings starting September 10th and go through the end of May. Students are expected to be prepared to start at 8:00 am, so arriving 10-15 minutes before is advisable. Saturday rehearsals are held at the Salt Lake Recital Hall, 320 E. 200 So., SLC.

Saturday schedule is as follows:

8:00-8:50 AM Sectional Rehearsal

9:00-10:50 AM Orchestra Rehearsal

11:00-11:50 AM Choir

12:00-12:45 PM Theory\*\*

#### **Piano Program:**

9:00-9:50 AM Music History

10:00-10:50 AM Piano Literature

11:00-11:50 AM Choir

12:00-12:45 PM Theory\*\*

\*\* Students who passed theory last year do not need to take theory again this year. Incoming students will need to take a placement exam to determine if theory is necessary this year. Next year we will resume with Theory II, III, & IV.

GMS Policies and Procedures Continued:

There is also an OPTIONAL Thursday Chamber Music Course. This course is based on availability. Please be sure to indicate on your registration form if you would like to participate in the Chamber Music section. Chamber Music Courses are held at Peterson Development, 225 South 200 East, SLC.

Thursday Chamber Music schedule is as follows:

5:00-6:00 Coaching

6:00-7:00 Rehearsal

**Absences:** Students who are not able to attend due to valid reasons (illness, emergencies, music related appointments, or inclement weather) must notify the school as soon as reasonably possible.

More than one unexcused or non-valid absence will result in termination of participation.

If a student is going to be absent from a Saturday rehearsal, please email

michelle.wester@giftedmusicschool.org during the week before or call the morning of the rehearsal 801-930-0310.

**Parent Responsibilities:** All students should be picked up by 1:00. GMS cannot be responsible or liable for any students. Parents of students ages 12 and younger are expected to be present and attentive for all rehearsals and sectionals. Parents AND Students need ensure chairs are returned to the position in which they were found each morning, lights are off, and the door securely closed and locked when exiting.

**Communication:** The majority of the communication from the Gifted Music School will come via email from either Michelle Wester, the managing director of the orchestra or Whitney Pizza, assistant to the director. All schedules, repertoire assignments, rehearsal notes etc. will be delivered to the parents' email address provided on the student's registration form. All communication will go to the student's parents. If you would like GMS communications to go to the student in addition to the parent, please provide the student's email address as well.

Questions regarding the orchestra should be direct to Michelle Wester  
michelle.wester@giftedmusicschool.org or 801-930-0310.

**Tuition:** Full scholarship is awarded to all admitted students. The only cost is an \$80 administrative fee per semester for each student who is enrolled at the Gifted Music School. This fee must be remitted with the registration form at the beginning of the school season.

Send application and fee to:

Gifted Music School

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