



2009 Georgia Music Educators Association **District 12 High School Honor Symphony Orchestra**

You are invited to audition for the 2009 GMEA District 12 High School Honor Symphony Orchestra. Membership in this elite Orchestra is an extraordinary accomplishment. If selected, you will perform in a high level group with the best musicians from all area high schools. The 2009 conductor will be Marilyn Seelman of Georgia State University and the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra. The winds, brass, and percussion musicians will be college students again this year. There will be one sectional with Atlanta Symphony Orchestra musicians, then rehearsal on Friday night and all day Saturday.

In order to participate in the Honor Symphony Orchestra, you must have a successful audition. **Auditions will be held on Saturday, October 24 at Kell High School.** The Honor Orchestra audition will be the SAME audition as the District level All-State audition again this year, with the same audition requirements. If you plan to audition for All-State, you must register and pay the All-State audition fee before the deadline as determined by your director. The same audition scores will be used for Honor Orchestra. Students in grades 9-12 who only wish to audition for Honor Orchestra and NOT for All-State do not need to pay for the All-State audition. However, you must be registered to audition in OPUS by your director before the GMEA deadline. You will receive further information about audition day procedures after your director registers you.

Students in grades 11/12 who are auditioning for All-State AND Honor Orchestra must play the 11/12 requirements for the audition. Students in 11/12 grades who ONLY wish to audition for Honor Orchestra and NOT also for All-State may play the 9/10 level requirements. If this is unclear, please confirm your audition requirements with your orchestra director.

Audition Requirements

I. Scales and arpeggios:

Scales and Arpeggios for 9-10 All-State/Honor Orchestra AND 11/12 Honor Orchestra ONLY: Students will be asked to play the following scales MEMORIZED, separate bows or slurred two notes per bow, and arpeggios with separate bows (QN = 60 or EN = 120 on slurred scales) - do not stop between the scale and its arpeggio

VIOLIN G and A major, 3 octaves
g and a melodic minor, 3 octaves
VIOLA C and D major, 3 octaves
c and d melodic minor, 3 octaves
CELLO C and D major, 3 octaves
c and d melodic minor, 3 octaves
BASS F and G major, 2 octaves
f and g melodic minor, 2 octaves

You should be prepared to play all four scales with separate bows or slurred two per bow.

Scales and arpeggios for 11-12 All-State/Honor Orchestra: Students in grades 11 and 12 who are NOT auditioning for All-State may play the 9/10 level scales
Students will be asked to play the following scales MEMORIZED, separate bows or slurred two notes per bow, and arpeggios with separate bows (QN = 60 or EN = 120 on slurred scales) - do not stop between the scale and its arpeggio

VIOLIN Bb and C major, 3 octaves

g and a melodic minor, 3 octaves

VIOLA Eb and F major, 3 octaves

c and d melodic minor, 3 octaves

CELLO Eb and F major, 3 octaves

c and d melodic minor, 3 octaves

BASS Ab and Bb major, 2 octaves

f and g melodic minor, 2 octaves

You should be prepared to play all four scales with separate bows or slurred two per bow.

II. All-State Etude The etude book or CD sheet music should be purchased from a local music store or mail order catalog. You must own the etude book or CD sheet music. You cannot perform from a Xerox copy at the audition.

9-10 All-State/Honor Orchestra AND 11/12 Honor Orchestra ONLY:

VIOLIN

Mazas: Etudes Speciales, Galamian ed., International Music Co., Op. 36, Book 1, #2. QN=100

VIOLA

Wohlfahrt: Foundation Studies, transc. Merle J. Isaac & Ralph C. Lewis, Carl Fischer, Book 2, #38. QN=92

CELLO

Schroeder: 170 Foundation Studies, Carl Fischer, Volume 1, #60 QN=92, 8 notes per bow

DOUBLE BASS

Simandl: 30 Etudes, Carl Fischer, #2. QN=112

11-12 All-State/Honor Orchestra: Students in grades 11 and 12 who are NOT auditioning for All-State may play the 9/10 level etude

VIOLIN

Mazas: Etudes Speciales, Galamian ed., International Music Co., Op. 36, Book 1, #18. Dotted QN =50

VIOLA

Mazas: Etudes Speciales, Pagels ed., International Music Co., Op. 36, Book 1, #18.

Dotted QN=50

(play top [treble clef] at divisi)

CELLO

Schroeder: 170 Foundation Studies, Carl Fischer, Volume 1, #42 QN=92

DOUBLE BASS

Simandl: 30 Etudes, Carl Fischer, #17. QN=88

III. Sight Reading

If you are selected for Honor Symphony Orchestra, this is the schedule you will follow:

Sectional: Monday, November 2	Sprayberry High School Arrive at 5:30 PM to find parking and sectional room 5:45 set up and tuning 6:00 – 8:30 Sectionals
Rehearsal: Friday, November 13	Kennesaw Mountain High School Arrive at 5:30 PM to find parking and theater 5:45 set up and tuning 6:00 – 9:00 Strings only rehearsal
Rehearsals: Saturday, November 14	Kennesaw Mountain High School- <i>bring your uniform</i> 8:45 AM- Tuning- be ready to begin 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon strings only rehearsal 1:30 – 5:00 PM full orchestra rehearsal 6:30 – on stage for performance
Performance: Saturday, November 14	Kennesaw Mountain High School 7:00 Concert- Wear your FORMAL school uniform- men in full tuxedo and women in long black All uniforms MUST meet the Cobb County dress code- NO short skirts, spaghetti straps, etc

DUE TO THE LIMITED REHEARSAL TIME, STUDENTS MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE SECTIONAL, ALL REHEARSALS, AND THE CONCERT TO AUDITION FOR HONOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. No partial participation is allowed. Please DO NOT audition for Honor Orchestra if you think you might be unavailable for any portion of the event. If you audition, are selected, and then you do not attend, you have robbed another student of the opportunity to participate in this event because alternates are NOT used. You must be ON TIME to rehearsals and attend ALL rehearsals to participate in the concert. If you are late to the sectional or rehearsal, you will be moved to the back of your section. If you miss a sectional or rehearsal, you will be dismissed from the event. If you are selected for Honor Orchestra and do not participate in the event, you are INELIGIBLE from participation in the group the next year. Please represent your school honorably.

All participants in the GMEA District 12 High School Honor Orchestra are asked to contribute a total fee of \$35. The All-State audition fee is NOT part of this \$35. The participation fee needs to be paid at the sectional on Monday, November 2 at Sprayberry High School. If you will have difficulty paying this fee, please speak with your orchestra director.

Sprayberry High School is on the corner of Sandy Plains Road and Piedmont Road- 2525 Sandy Plains Road. Kennesaw Mountain High School is on Kennesaw Due West Road- 1898 Kennesaw Due West Rd NW.

Please contact me if you have further questions about Honor Orchestra.

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