

LiveWire

A Community of Chamber Musicians

Handbook 2018-2019





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Welcome

Welcome to the 12th season of Live Wire, the Springfield Youth Orchestras (SYO) Community of Chamber Musicians. This chamber music society provides a unique performing opportunity to select musicians of the SYO. Live Wire is supported in full by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and the Springfield Youth Orchestras Parents Association, and sponsored by Security National Bank.

You have been selected to take part in a very exciting musical experience. The 2018-2019 Season will be a memorable one, providing you with musical challenges and opportunity for growth. Live Wire members are mentored and coached by the professional musicians of the Springfield Symphony.

This handbook contains most of the information you will need as members. *Members and parents* should become familiar with its contents - especially the policies and procedures pertaining to attendance and support of your school orchestra and/or band program.

LIVEWIRE at a Glance

Ensembles: Springfield Youth Symphony Woodwind Quintet
Springfield Youth Symphony Brass Quartet
Springfield Youth Symphony String Quartet
Springfield Youth Symphony Percussion Ensemble
Springfield Youth Symphony Woodwind Trio

Location: 300 S. Fountain Ave.
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Members: Chosen by conductors based on audition results, work ethic, skill level, maturity, and other factors.

Rehearsals: Rehearsals are held prior to SYO rehearsals at the John Legend Theater (JLT):

Mission

The mission of Live Wire is to encourage artistic excellence and personal achievement through the vehicle of chamber music. Serving as a model of cooperation and collaboration, Live Wire will promote and support chamber music in its broadest sense.

Values

Live Wire values artistic and professional excellence. As an example of the democracy, tolerance, and humanity, we honor tradition while moving forward through innovation, ensuring the continued vitality and relevancy of chamber music.

LIVE WIRE Eligibility

SYO Membership and Attendance:

To be eligible for membership in Live Wire you must be a member in good standing of the Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestras program. It is very important that both members and parents be familiar with and understand the attendance and membership policies of the SYO. Failure to observe these policies may result in denial of concert participation and/or dismissal from the ensemble.

How Members are Selected:

All ensemble rosters are subject to the recommendations of SYO conductors and section coaches. For the String and Woodwind ensembles, LiveWire members are chosen primarily from the principal players of the Youth Orchestras, as determined by the seating auditions of each season and student availability. Some consideration is given also to maintaining continuity of personnel in the ensembles from year to year, if warranted. Once selected, the personnel of each ensemble will remain the same throughout the season. For the Percussion ensemble, all SYO percussion members may be eligible, with the final rosters to be determined by instrumentation needs.

Coaching:

The conductor of the Youth Symphony will coach the Youth Symphony String Quartet. Coaches for Woodwind Quintet, Brass Quartet, Clarinet Trio and Percussion Ensemble are professional musicians in the region. Coaches will get the ensembles started on repertoire, and work with students on the fine points of ensemble playing, with the final goal being that each ensemble will be able to “self-rehearse”.

Tuition:

A non-refundable yearly tuition fee of \$50.00 is required. Members may not participate until their tuition has been paid in full, or arrangements for financial aid have been made. Checks should be made payable to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra. The tuition fee partially covers music costs, facility rental, administrative costs, and professional coaching. If financial aid is needed, please contact Nomi Marcus.

Application/Commitment Form and Schedule:

The final page of this handbook includes a tentative schedule of some of the already known performance dates for 2018-2019. To become a member of the Live Wire program you must be able to commit to the majority of

these dates. Additional performance dates will be added as the season progresses, and Nomi Marcus will always confirm student availability before committing any ensemble to a performance. Ensemble members may collectively decide to schedule more rehearsals. Please let Nomi know in advance of additional rehearsals that you would like to schedule for your group.

Withdrawal or Dismissal from the SYO or Live Wire:

You are expected to make a full year's commitment to the Springfield Youth Orchestra Live Wire program. If you must withdraw, you must do so in writing, indicating the reasons and circumstances for your withdrawal. No refund of tuition will be extended. Failure to observe the policies from the LiveWire and SYO Handbooks may result in denial of concert participation and/or dismissal from the ensemble.

Rehearsal Etiquette

Nothing indicates your level of professionalism like the way you handle yourself in the rehearsal room.

- **Punctuality:** Punctuality as a musician means getting to the rehearsal room early enough to set up, tune up and warm up before rehearsal begins. If you're running late -- even if you'll arrive on time but not with enough time to set up, call ahead. This lends credibility to you.
- **Communication:** Speak with your instrument! While chamber music is social and you will have fun, please communicate only when necessary and keep the conversation on topic -- the rehearsal.
- **Courtesy:** It is important to realize that chamber music-making is a constant flow of give and take. Please allow each member the freedom to make suggestions and have them realistically considered. Chamber music is a team activity; please allow courteous and respectful thoughts to guide your conversations.

Performance Etiquette

All of the suggestions for rehearsal etiquette apply to your performances. Please be mindful that you represent not only yourself, but also your chamber ensemble and all of the student musicians of the Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestras. Additional items to consider:

- **Dress:** Dress appropriately. Poor dress sends the message to the audience that you don't care about the performance or the audience. You want the audience to be listening to your music! If you look nice they will take note of it in a positive way without dwelling on it. Please refer to the dress code listed below.
- **Mechanics:** If the performance setting is appropriate for bowing, make sure all members are on the same page as to when and where to do so. Try to do all of your tuning off stage and once on stage, make sure everyone is ready to perform before starting the first piece. Eye contact is essential. Ensemble coaches will work with the group on the finer points of performance etiquette.

Concert Dress

Women

- * Black formal skirt *at or below the knee while seated* or black dress pants
- * Black blouse (no sleeveless)
- * Natural or black hose

Men

- * Black dress trousers
- * Black dress shirt with collar (turtleneck ok)
- * Black socks
- * Black dress shoes

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Informal Concert Dress for all ensembles will be announced on a per concert basis as applicable.

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As of 9/4/2018

Rehearsals are held on Mondays from 6:00 to 6:50pm. Exact rehearsal dates will be announced. Below dates and ensembles are subject to change; more performance dates may be added as the season progresses. SSO staff will always confirm student availability before scheduling additional dates or changing existing dates.

Please note: not all ensembles perform on all the below dates!

LiveWire 1st Semester Schedule

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| Monday, November 19th, 2018, 6:15-6:45pm - SYO Fall Concert, Pre-Concert Music @ Southgate Baptist ALL ENSEMBLES |
| December Date/Time TBA? – Lobby Music @ Security National Bank, Downtown Springfield (LiveWire Sponsor) UNCONFIRMED |

LiveWire 2nd Semester Schedule

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| Sunday, February 10th, 2018, 2:00 - 4:00pm - Sweetness of Peace Fundraiser @ Shouvlin Center, Wittenberg ALL ENSEMBLES |
| Monday, March 18th, 2019, 6:30-7:00pm - SYO Spring Concert, Pre-Concert Music @ John Legend Theater ALL ENSEMBLES |
| Sunday, April 7th, 2019, 3:00 - 4:00pm - LIVEWIRE CONCERT - Sanctuary Series at High Street Methodist ALL ENSEMBLES ***Please put this in your calendar now, as this is a MAJOR event for LiveWire*** |
| Wednesday, April 10th, 2019 4:00 - 4:30pm - WASSO Meeting @ the Heritage Center Ensemble TBD |
| April 2019, (Saturday TBA), 8:00 – 10:30am – Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast @ St. John’s Lutheran Church ALL ENSEMBLES |
| Saturday, June 1st, 2018, 6:00-9:00pm - Flavors at the Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center ALL ENSEMBLES ***Please put this in your calendar now, as this is a MAJOR event for LiveWire*** |