



Springfield Youth Orchestras

2018-2019 Parent Night
Information Meeting



Reminder!

**ALL SYO questions, concerns, attendance updates, etc. MUST go through
nomi@springfieldsym.org**

SYO User only page: <https://www.springfieldsym.org/youth-log-in/>

User and Password: syouser

Helpful Information

SCC = Springfield Children's Chorus

SYSE = Springfield Youth String Ensemble
("sissee")

SYCO = Springfield Youth Chamber Orchestra
("psycho", lovingly)

SYS = Springfield Youth Symphony

The John Legend Theater

- **The Lobby** - entrance for all ensembles, parent waiting area
- **The Stage** - SYS rehearsal space
- **The Dressing Rooms** - rehearsal spaces for LiveWire
- **The Community Room** - SYCO rehearsal space / SYSE rehearsal space (Fall only)
- **The Commons** - SYSE rehearsal space (spring only) and (quiet) parent waiting area
- **Trust Room 328** - SCC rehearsal space (3rd floor)

JLT Theater Manager - Terry McGonigle

Springfield Symphony Orchestra Staff

Nomi Marcus, Education & Outreach Manager, nomi@springfieldsym.org or through Remind

Lou Ross, Executive Director, lross@springfieldsym.org

Nuggie Libecap, Customer Relations Manager, nuggie@springfieldsym.org

Springfield Youth Orchestras Staff

Sean Hurley - Springfield Children's Chorus Director

Kristina Ahlstrom - Springfield Children's Chorus Accompanist

Janet Fu - Springfield Youth String Ensemble Director / Interim
Springfield Youth Chamber Orchestra Director (Fall 2018)

Julie Ellis - Springfield Youth Chamber Orchestra Director

Carlos Elias - Springfield Youth Symphony Director

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Volunteers always go through Michelle Speas

- See her afterward for more information

Please note that we will be looking for all new SYOPA officers AND volunteers for 2018-19! If you are interested in serving, please talk with Michelle.

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Group Picture Day; TBA

Other Dates to Remember

Monday, September 3, 2018 - No Rehearsal (Labor Day)

Monday, November 5, 2018 - Concerto Competition Auditions

Sunday, November 18, 2018 - Fall Concert Dress Rehearsal

Monday, January 21 - No Rehearsal (MLK Day)

Monday, March 4 - No Rehearsal

There are no rehearsals between the Fall Concert and January 7, 2019.

Side-By-Side

All SYS and SCC students will be participating in a Side-by-Side concert with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra. The concert will feature Holiday music!

The performance is **Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 3:00 PM at the Kuss Auditorium (Clark State PAC)**

The rehearsal for this performance is **Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Kuss**

The rehearsal and performance are **mandatory** for all SYS and SCC students.

Rehearsal Nights

6:00-7:30 - SCC and SYSE rehearsal*#

6:00-7:00 - LiveWire rehearsals**

7:00-9:00 - SYCO and SYS rehearsal

*Collaborative feature for the fall concert with SYSE and SYCO!

#SCC is currently open to SYCO students who are interested. Please talk to Nomi or Mr. Hurley with questions

*LiveWire is an additional program we offer to SYS members. More to come later.

Rehearsal Nights

Note that Nomi will be at the JLT at 5:30pm on Mondays. We do not have access to the building earlier than that, so we ask that parents not arrive earlier than 5:30.

Students who are interested in becoming stage managers should talk to Nomi after the meeting.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up

There will be parking available in the John Legend Parking Lot, by the Career Connect Ed Center.

You may pull up onto John Street, or pull up into the parking lot for loading/unloading.

John Legend does not offer free WiFi. You are able to sit in the John Legend Theater Lobby as well.

Attendance

Students are expected to be warmed up and in their seats by the time rehearsal starts. This means, they are not getting dropped off, talking in the lobby, eating dinner, etc. when rehearsal starts at 6:00 (SYSE), or 7:00 (SYCO and SYS).

Attendance

Students are permitted two absences each semester. These may be used for any school conflicts, personal illnesses, family emergencies, etc.

Once a student reaches their third absence, seating rearrangements may be considered. This will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Everyone has received two copies of the calendar for the 2018-2019 season. Each student should take these home and look at their calendars/schedules for the year and circle known conflicts that will require the student to be absent. These forms are due back with all forms and tuition on Monday, August 27th.

The Lobby

There will be a parent volunteer present in the lobby.

A staff member will be present at least 1/2 hour before the first rehearsal starts.

Feel free to come in and turn in forms, ask questions, etc.

There will be an easel with announcements, rehearsal assignments, etc. when you walk in every week. Please read as you arrive.

Snacks/Water

- **Only bottled water is permitted in the rehearsal spaces**
 - Snacks and other beverages are to be consumed in the lobby. Please discard trash properly. Snacks must be consumed in the lobby or as the student goes home. **They cannot be consumed in any of the rehearsal spaces.**
- At the beginning of fall and spring, the Parent Association will ask for snack contributions. Please consider donating.
 - You are able to donate whatever you would like, but the popular snacks include chocolate, pringles, fruit snacks, and skittles/starbursts.
 - Note that all the funds raised go directly to the Youth Orchestras and Children's chorus.

T-Shirts

Students will receive one free t-shirt that is included in the tuition

Parents and siblings are able to purchase a t-shirt at 15 dollars. The money is due at the time that the form is turned in.

Complete a t-shirt form [here](#)!

T-Shirt Design



Remind

Based on your group, text the following code to the number **81010**:

@ssosys - Springfield Youth Symphony (Carlos Elias)

@ssosyco - Springfield Youth Chamber Orchestra (Julie Ellis / Janet Fu)

@ssosyse - Springfield Youth String Ensemble (Janet Fu)

@ssoscc1819 - Springfield Children's Chorus

Cell Phone Usage

Parents! Please help us in urging your child to not use cell phones during rehearsal.

They may be used to tune if the child has a tuning app, but cannot be on stands during rehearsal.

Repeat offenses may result in movement of the student to a lower seat within the section.

Cell phones may be used on break.

Discounted Springfield Symphony Tickets!!

Students each receive ONE FREE ticket to all Springfield Symphony Orchestra concerts. Parents may purchase additional tickets for 50% off. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Clark State Ticket Office at 937-328-3874 Monday through Friday, 9-5.

Experiencing live music is an ESSENTIAL part of a well-rounded musical education!

The 2018–2019 Season

- **October 6, 7:30 PM** - MasterWorks I, featuring piano soloist, Christopher Durrenberger
- **December 2, 3:00 PM**- NightLights I, Holiday Pops, featuring Side-By-Side performances with the SYS and SCC and the Gary Geis Dance Company
- **January 12, 7:30 PM**- MasterWorks II, featuring cello soloist, Julian Schwarz
- **February 9, 7:30pm**- NightLights II, featuring the Magical Music of Disney
- **April 6, 7:30pm**- MasterWorks III, featuring piano soloist, Nikita Mndoyants
- **May, 7:30pm**- MasterWorks IV, Beethoven's 9th, featuring the Springfield Symphony Chorale and Soloists

Cadenza

The Cadenza is a student lead newsletter featuring written by SYO members, polls, photos, and more!

Senior Spotlight: Seniors! Please get your forms in sooner rather than later!

It will be available on the website for family and friends to see!

If you are interested in helping, please talk to Nomi for more info!

We are currently in need of students to write/develop content, and design the newsletter! The SSO office will assist in copying/sending out the newsletter.

Play-a-thon

- The Youth Orchestra annual fundraiser
 - It takes place at Covenant Presbyterian Church
 - It includes sectionals, rehearsals, and music related activities
 - Students are asked to raise money over the holiday break by asking family and friends
 - The highest raisers receive prizes!
 - All the students who raise money are entered in a raffle
 - The prizes are based on how much money is raised individually
 - Dinner is provided- a pizza party!

Chipotle Fundraiser

- There will be a fundraiser to support the SYO/SCC on **Thursday, September 13** at the **Chipotle on Bechtle Ave. in Springfield.**
- Go in anytime between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM and mention the SYO/SCC fundraiser (or show a paper flyer/digital flyer) at the register. It's THAT EASY!
- 33% of ALL proceeds during this time frame will go towards the SYO/SCC.
- We will have fliers at all rehearsals between now and September 13 (we have some here tonight!). Or you can go to the Facebook Event for a digital one, or just e-mail Nomi, and she'll send you one!

What to do tonight

- Complete and turn in forms
 - More copies available if needed
 - Tuition can be accepted via cash, check, or credit/debit (Visa, MC, Discover)
 - If you are interested in applying for Financial Aid (this includes payment plans) and have not done so already, please ask for a form and be sure to submit by **next week, Monday August 27.**
 - You will be notified via e-mail of financial aid decisions.
- Pick up student's music folder
- Take a look around our facility!

Questions?

Nomi will be at a table in the lobby for individual questions. Please form a line at this table that starts far enough from the table to allow for privacy, as conversations about finances and medical information may be had. If you have general questions, you may talk with Michelle Speas or any of our parent volunteers at the forms table, also located in the lobby.

SYSE and SCC students and families, you are done for the evening.
SYCO students should report to the Community Room for rehearsal.
SYS students may come onto the stage for their rehearsal.