

HYO Chamber Music Program

Guidelines for Participation, 2009-2010

* Participation in the Chamber Music Program (CMP) is open to all students participating in either the Huntsville Youth Symphony or Sinfonia. The CMP is designed to enhance and enrich the musical and educational experiences of HYO members.

* The cost for the 2009-2010 season will be \$50 per year for HYO members, and \$100 per year for non- HYO members.

* All ensembles must be approved by the HYO Music Director before coaching begins. Students may request to be in groups of their own choice, or request assistance from the Music Director. Ensembles must be composed of at least three musicians unless approved by the Music Director and must be from more than one family.

* Chamber music participants may invite Non-HYO musicians to join their groups as needed, but at least half of the members of all chamber ensembles operating under the umbrella of the CMP must be members of the HYO. Non-HYO musicians must be approved by the Music Director and/or the Chamber Music Coordinator.

* Occasionally a group will have a performance in which one of the musicians is unavailable. Substitute musicians are allowed but MUST be approved by the Chamber Music Coordinator and the coach.

* Coaches must be professional musicians and approved by the Music Director. Students may request a specific coach, or ask the Music Director for guidance in selecting a coach. Requests may be made in person, by email, or in writing. Coaching fees will be set at the beginning of the season by the HYO Board. A parent may not be a paid coach for a group.

* Students, parents, and coaches are responsible for scheduling their respective ensemble rehearsals. Ensembles are encouraged to hold at least two rehearsals with a coach and two rehearsals without a coach per month (minimum of one hour). HYO will pay for only two coachings per month from September 1 through April 30. It is highly recommended that coachings and rehearsals occur on alternate weeks.

* The number of coaching sessions must be turned into the Chamber Music Coordinator monthly by the 27th of the month so that payment may be made by the treasurer during the first week of the month. Groups, please choose one parent to be responsible for turning this information in. This is NOT the responsibility of the coach.

* Students participating in the CMP shall perform in one chamber music concert, which will be held in the spring. The HYO expects each group to perform at least once a semester in addition to the concert. This could include HYO events, civic functions, Symphony Guild Silver Tea, and Panoply. These will be done without pay.

* The Chamber Music Coordinator will maintain a list of those HYO chamber groups that would like to perform for weddings, etc. The HYO will refer these groups when services are requested.

* HYO Chamber groups are requested to inform the HYO Chamber Music Coordinator of all outside performances.

* The HYO has a library of chamber music that is available to the chamber groups. A request should be made through the librarian, who will make copies of the parts needed. These copies are to be returned when the group disbands or by the end of the year, unless the group decides to continue practicing over the summer and receives approval from the Chamber Music Coordinator.

* The HYO does have some money available for chamber music if it is not already available in the HYO library. With prior approval, the HYO will either purchase the music at the request of the coach or reimburse the coach. This music must be logged into the library before it is used.