

ILMEA Honors Orchestra 2018

The Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA—www.ilmea.org) Honors Orchestra provides our students with an opportunity to perform with outstanding students from our region of Illinois at a one-day festival. Students participate in an audition on Saturday, September 29th that will determine selection for this year's honors orchestra. Selected students will rehearse together and perform at the ILMEA Honors Festival on Saturday, November 10, 2018, where the honors orchestra, band and chorus will perform. Students must be prepared to audition on all of the following music:

Amadeus, Fantasia on a 17th Century Tune, Incantations, Orange Jam, and the two-octave scales as written on the ILMEA scale sheet. Music was distributed to students in April 2018 and should be prepared with the assistance of a private teacher before the September 29th audition date. Any students still needing any of the above music should see their orchestra teacher ASAP for the music.

Below is a schedule of required and optional events for students interested in auditioning. Attached is a permission slip for participation in any of the events. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students. If your child chooses to audition, please encourage him or her to join us for as many events as possible.

Required Events: *District 204 pays a fee for students to attend. Therefore, be sure to check these dates carefully.*

ILMEA Audition—Saturday, September 29, 2018, (Yorkville Middle School—920 Prairie Crossing Dr. Yorkville, IL)

Auditions will be held at Yorkville Middle School. Students will need to have their own transportation to and from the audition, which should last approximately 15 minutes per student. Students should wear nice clothing and must arrive 30-40 minutes before their scheduled audition time in order to unpack and warm up. Audition times will be scheduled between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Specific audition excerpts will be announced a few days prior to the auditions, so please mark these spots in your music prior to the audition day. Audition spots will also be posted outside the door of each audition room. All students must have their own home instrument, audition music, folding music stand (for warming up in the gym) and a pencil. Students must perform this individual audition in order to be considered for placement in the ILMEA festival honors orchestra. Audition results will be emailed home once they are available (within one week).

Honors Festival Rehearsal & Performance Day—Saturday, November 10, 2018, Approx. 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (Huntley High School, 13719 Harmony Road, Huntley, IL.)

Students selected to perform in the Honors Orchestra are expected to participate in the morning rehearsal, lunch and afternoon concert. This is an all-day event for students who are selected (approx. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.). A bus will be provided to Huntley in the morning. Parents/Guardians will be asked to provide transportation home from the festival.

Optional Events:

Combined Rehearsal for District 204 students—Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 5:45-7:30 p.m.

(Waubonsie Valley High School orchestra room—Enter at Door #35 and go to the orchestra room. Room A119)
Meet in the WVHS orchestra room for a combined rehearsal. Students from Scullen, Gregory, Crone, Hill, Fischer, Granger and Still will practice the audition music together in preparation for the audition. This has been a very valuable experience for our students the last several years! It helps students know what to expect and what to practice before the audition. The WV teachers will provide some cookies for the students at the end of the rehearsal! Parents—Thank you in advance for picking up your child from WVHS outside of Door #35 at 7:30 p.m. Please park in a spot when picking up your child.

Extra Help

Students should have been working to prepare this challenging music over the summer in order to be prepared for the audition. It was also encouraged that students work with a private teacher on refining each piece. If you would like a recommended private teacher lesson list or contact information for an outstanding high school student for your child to work with prior to the audition, please contact your child's orchestra teacher for recommendations.

ILMEA 2018 Honors Orchestra Permission Slip

My child and I have read the information regarding the ILMEA Honors Orchestra. We have checked our family calendar and the dates for the required events are available for us. We agree that this is a beneficial experience for our child and support his or her participation in the audition process. We understand that if selected to participate, the rehearsal and performance will take place on Saturday, November 10, 2018.

***I give my child permission to participate in the events marked with an "X" below:**

- Optional Event: District 204 Combined ILMEA Rehearsal (Tuesday, September 25, Waubonsie Valley High School orchestra room—Enter/exit at door #35, 5:45-7:30 p.m.).
- Required Event: ILMEA Audition/Rehearsal (Saturday, September 29, Yorkville Middle School, Individual times are TBA but are held between 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.). We understand that we are responsible for providing transportation to and from the audition.
- Required Event (if selected): ILMEA Honors Music Festival (Saturday, November 10, Huntley HS, all day). We understand that a bus will be provided to Huntley and that we are responsible for providing transportation home from the festival following the concert. All families and friends are encouraged to attend this spectacular performance that begins at 3:00 p.m.

We will encourage our child to ask a private teacher for help in making final preparations on the challenging audition music prior to the September 29th audition.

Student's Name: _____ Instrument: _____

Circle Grade: 6 7 8 Parent Signature: _____

Parent emergency phone number: _____

Are you also signing up to audition for ILMEA Jazz Band? Circle your instrument: Bass or Piano
If yes, ask the band teacher for the required registration form.

Are you also signing up to audition for ILMEA chorus (circle one)? Yes or No
If yes, ask the chorus teacher for the required registration form and complete the questions below.

What voice part do you sing (circle one)? Soprano Alto Tenor Baritone/Bass

What is your current height? _____ feet _____ inches

If you are selected for both orchestra and chorus, the festival overlaps. Students will need to indicate an ensemble preference. If this happens, which group would you prefer? Circle one: Chorus Orchestra

****Please be sure that you have marked an "X" next to the events you give permission for your child to attend.
Return Page 2 to your orchestra teacher on or before Thursday, August 30th, 2018.
Students must turn this form in to participate in the audition process. Thank you!!!
Please keep the first page for your reference.***