



Ballard High School Performing Arts

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A Closer Look at Our Orchestra Program

Concert Orchestra

A string orchestra comprised of students who play the violin, viola, cello, or bass. All incoming freshmen begin in this group unless they choose to audition for Symphonic or Chamber Orchestra. This class is also open to beginners. This class will focus on nuts and bolts skills review will perform a variety of music for string orchestra, and will perform at our Fall, Winter, and Spring Concerts. Concert Orchestra members will attend the fall retreat with Symphonic and Chamber Orchestra members.

Symphonic Orchestra

An auditioned string orchestra comprised of students who play the violin, viola, cello, or bass. This is an intermediate level group that will perform a wide array of string orchestra literature, ranging from Baroque to contemporary. Symphonic Orchestra combines with members of the band and choir for a winter masterwork performance, participates in chamber technique instruction, and performs at the Fall, Winter, and Spring Concerts. Symphonic Orchestra will attend the fall retreat with Concert and Chamber Orchestras and compete at regional festivals. Seating and section leader auditions will take place at the beginning of each school year. There may be regional or national a spring trip scheduled, depending on the year.

Chamber Orchestra

An auditioned chamber orchestra comprised of students who play the violin, viola, cello, or bass. This is a highly selective and motivated group of string players. Chamber Orchestra performs a rigorous array of string orchestra literature ranging from Baroque to contemporary. Chamber Orchestra combines with members of the band and choir for a winter masterwork performance, participates in chamber technique instruction/ coaching from local experts, and performs at the Fall, Winter, and Spring Concerts. Chamber Orchestra will attend the fall retreat with Concert and Symphonic Orchestras and compete at regional festivals. Over the course of the year, students will form small ensembles (trios, quartets, etc.) for various gig performance opportunities. There may be a regional, national, or international spring trip scheduled, depending on the year. Seating and section leader auditions will take place at the beginning of each school year.

Extracurricular—Fiddle Ensemble

This ensemble is comprised of students who play the violin, viola, cello, bass, guitar, mandolin, etc. Fiddle ensemble members work to refine their improvisational skills, learn music in an oral tradition, and perform authentic American roots music by arranging traditional tunes of the American Roots and Jazz repertoire. The Fiddle Ensemble performs at school concerts and special events and is available for private performances throughout the year.

Uniforms

Men's Concert Uniforms

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts and is loaned to students for the school year and kept at home.

Tux jacket and pants, bow tie, cummerbund, garment bag and hanger

All men will be measured by a professional on either Monday Sept 9th or Tuesday Sept 10 from 3:00-5:00. This is mandatory for all men.

Students must provide:

Black socks, black dress shoes (no tennis shoes), tux shirt, cufflinks, and studs. Tux shirts, cufflinks and studs are available to purchase from Ted Brown Music, 1006 NE 50th St, 206-622-0171. The tux shirts cost \$19.99.



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Women's Concert Uniforms

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts and is loaned to students for the school year and kept at home.

Black velvet top, black satin skirt and garment bag, and hanger

All returning women will try on their concert clothes on August 29th from 8:30am-12:00pm and new students from 12:00pm-3:00pm. If you cannot make August 29th, please come August 30th from 8:30am - 12:00pm or contact the Orchestra Family Rep, Eric Sanderson at BPABorchestarep@gmail.com

Students must provide Black, low heeled, closed-toe dress shoes, and black hose.

T-shirt

All orchestra students will have the same t-shirt, which comes included with the annual fee. This shirt is worn on trips and at informal events where formal attire is not required.

Fees

Music Department Annual fee

\$155 yearly fee paid by all orchestra students. Fee must be paid by September 15, 2019. Each year we ask that all students pay a Music Department annual fee to help cover the cost of our operating expenses—sheet music, festival fees, transportation, uniforms, t-shirts, instrument repair, and uniform cleaning and maintenance. As many of you know, the Seattle Public School District funds only the teachers' salaries. Running a professional quality music program requires significant support from our community. We are grateful to our Ballard Performing Arts community and deeply appreciate your support. Orchestra students may participate in band and/or choir groups without paying another fee. Jazz Bands, Fiddle Ensemble, and percussion class include separate fees.

Orchestra Camp

\$180 fee paid by all orchestra students. Fee must be submitted by July 1st 2019. Orchestra camp is September 20-22 at Camp Burton on Vashon Island and includes all members of Chamber and Symphonic Orchestra. Camp provides orchestra students with intensive and focused solo, sectional, and ensemble study. Students will get to know each other, set goals, learn new music, sight-read, and work in solo and group performances. They will also improve listening skills with the help of individualized instrument coaching. The fee covers the cost of camp, food and lodging, transportation, and coaches.

Fiddle Ensemble

\$200 fee paid to cover coaching costs. Fee must be submitted by September 15, 2019.

How to make payments

Pay online - this is the preferred method. There are no extra fees and you will receive a receipt. You can also review if payment was made by checking over your credit card statements.

For payment link, go to www.ballardperformingarts.org and then under the BPA Families tab.

Pay by check made out to BPA and dropped off in the band room mailbox or postal mail to:
BHS Performing Arts Booster Club, P.O. Box 17774, Seattle, WA 98127.

The Music faculty, together with the Ballard High School Performing Arts Booster Club (BPABC), is committed to providing a high-quality experience for all students who wish to participate in Performing Arts activities regardless of



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financial circumstances. If you are in need of scholarship assistance, please fill out the Scholarship Form found on the website under BPA Families / Forms and Payments and return it to your students' teacher or to the P.O. Box listed above.

Estimated 2019-2020 trip fees

Chamber Orchestra & Symphonic Orchestra: Trip TBA - estimated cost \$1,800

Fiddle Ensemble: Trip TBA - estimated cost \$1000.00

Orchestra Events

Women's Uniform Fitting: August 29th – 8:30-12:00 for returning students, 12:00-3:00 for new students at BHS

Men's Uniform Fitting: Sept 9th and 10th, after school at BHS

**Ballard Performing Arts Boosters Meeting:
September 10 at 7:00pm BHS Library**

Orchestra Camp: September 20-22

Contacts

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Ballard Performing Arts Checklist

All BPA Students: please circle group

Band Choir Orchestra

_____	Camp Fee	Band \$190
	due July 1	Orch/Choir \$180

_____	Annual Program Fee	\$155
	due Sept 15	

Program Specific Fees:

_____	Jazz I & II Fee	Jazz II \$100
	Due Sept 15	Jazz I \$200

_____	Percussion Class Fee	\$50
	Due Sept 15	

_____	Fiddle Ensemble Fee	\$250
	Due Sept 15	

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