



UPPER VALLEY MUSIC CENTER

Upper Valley Symphony Orchestra

Member Handbook

WELCOME!

- If you are new to UVSO, welcome! You've joined an orchestra brimming with enthusiastic musicians united in their love of music and with intermediate-to-advanced ensemble experience.
- The Orchestra was created by the Upper Valley Music Center in 1997 to foster musicianship and the love of music in the Upper Valley. Currently the Orchestra has over 50 players enrolled and is led by Conductor Mark Nelson.
- No auditions: There is no audition to join UVSO. Interested musicians are encouraged to join us for one or more rehearsals to help determine whether UVSO is for you.
- Concert Schedule: The Orchestra currently performs three concerts annually:
 - Fall Concert, usually in November
 - Many members also participate in the annual Upper Valley Music Center "Messiah Sing with Orchestra" presented in mid-December
 - Spring Concert (in March or April)
 - Summer Pops Concert.
- Membership Fee: The annual membership fee is \$100 with no charge for high school and college students. Prospective members are welcome to attend a few rehearsals with no obligation.
- For more information: Potential members are encouraged to call or email with any questions about UVSO.
 - Louis Cornell, at: 802-649-2942; louis.l.cornell@gmail.com
 - Mark Nelson, Conductor, at: 603-709-7147; markdnelson1@gmail.com
 - The Upper Valley Music Center, at: 603-448-1642; info@uvmusic.org; web page: www.uvmusic.org.
- Unsure?--come to a concert: The Orchestra's upcoming concerts are posted on the Upper Valley Music Center's web page-- www.uvmusic.org.

REHEARSALS

- Regular weekly rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Lebanon Middle School, Lebanon, N.H. (Park in back.)
- There are usually 10+/- rehearsals for each of the Spring and Fall concerts. The rehearsal schedule for the Summer concert is shorter.
- Please arrive early to rehearsal so you're ready to go at 7:00 pm.
- Music is provided but please bring a pencil to all rehearsals for musical notations.
- Rehearsal cancellations due to weather or other reasons are sent out via email to registered Orchestra members. If the rehearsal is not canceled, please use your best judgment to determine whether you can attend rehearsal safely.

ATTENDANCE

- We encourage orchestra members to attend all rehearsals. We want our performances to be the best they can be. And rehearsals are fun!

MUSIC

- Music is distributed at the first rehearsal of each rehearsal series. If you miss the first rehearsal, check with the Conductor or Orchestra Librarian for your part.
- Please return all music, including xerox copies, backstage after each concert. Since most parts are rented, it's very important to return your music promptly.

COMMUNICATION

- News and information are normally announced at rehearsals. We also communicate by email.
- If you do not have email, please arrange for a stand-partner or other section member to keep you informed.

GOVERNANCE

- The Orchestra is led by a volunteer Steering Committee that works closely with Conductor Nelson and the Music Center staff. All Orchestra members are welcome to attend SC meetings. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

ORCHESTRA SUPPORT

- Membership fees and concert proceeds do not fully support the Orchestra's annual budget. Voluntary donations are very much appreciated! Donations are counted as charitable donations to the UVMC, a 501(c)(3) organization.
- Make your check payable to the Upper Valley Music Center, with "UVSO donation" on the memo line to insure the monies go into the Orchestra's account.