



August 9, 2017

Dear CSO Youth Orchestra Musicians and Parents,

Vacation is almost over and I am delighted to welcome you to the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Youth Orchestras' 2017-2018 Concert Season. **The first rehearsal for all orchestras will be August 21, 2017.** We are aware of the school closures due to the solar eclipse event, however, CSAS is still open for after school activities and we will hold rehearsal as originally planned. If you have not seen it already, rehearsal/event schedules are available online at: <http://csoyo.chattanoogasympphony.org/about/>

Please report to the cafeteria at **Chattanooga School for the Arts and Sciences (CSAS)** to pay the balance of your tuition and sign in at least 15 minutes prior to your rehearsal time. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

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| • <b>Prelude</b> | <b>5:10 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.</b> | • <b>Philharmonic</b> | <b>6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b> |
| • <b>Etude</b>   | <b>6:35 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b> | • <b>Symphony</b>     | <b>6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b> |

**We will also have our annual Parent Meeting on this same night, August 21, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium upstairs.** This gives us the opportunity to introduce our Conductors, Manager, Board Members, and others who play a large role in the CSO Youth Orchestras. We will discuss our attendance and dress policies, schedule of events, volunteer opportunities, and our handbook as well. You will not want to miss this meeting!

**The tuition balance is due before the first rehearsal on August 21.** Help us prevent long lines in the cafeteria and possible tardy entrances by paying online (<http://csoyo.chattanoogasympphony.org/tuition/>) or by mailing your check to: CSOYO, Attn: YO Tuition, 701 Broad Street, Suite 101, Chattanooga, TN 37402. **Cash or checks must be received at the CSOYO office by Friday, August 18. Online payments will close at 2pm on Monday, August 21. Those with remaining balances will be required to pay at CSAS (by cash or check only) on Monday, August 21, before students may participate in the first rehearsal.**

Any student who does not submit payment of the tuition balance may stay and observe, but this will be counted as an unexcused absence. If payment on or before August 21 is not possible, we will accept a post-dated check of up to 30 days. We will hold the check and deposit it on or after the check date. If there are extenuating circumstances please email the CSOYO manager as soon as possible: [csoyo@chattanoogasympphony.org](mailto:csoyo@chattanoogasympphony.org).

If you are uncertain of your balance due, please email the CSOYO manager for verification. The following are the tuition amounts with the remaining balance due after paying the \$100 deposit:

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| • <b>Prelude</b> (\$150):<br>Balance after deposit = <b>\$50</b> | • <b>Philharmonic</b> (\$250):<br>Balance after deposit = <b>\$150</b> |
| • <b>Etude</b> (\$200):<br>Balance after deposit = <b>\$100</b>  | • <b>Symphony</b> (\$300):<br>Balance after deposit = <b>\$200</b>     |

The family discount is \$50 per child after one has paid full tuition. Please email the manager for the discount code if paying tuition online.

Per our attendance policy, if you are unable to attend rehearsal, you must email the CSOYO Manager explaining your absence. If email is not possible, you may call and leave a message (423-267-9011). We look forward to seeing you on August 21!

Sincerely,

*Staci A. Spring*

Staci Spring  
CSOYO Manager

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**August 21, 2017**

- **First Rehearsal**
- **Parent Meeting**
- **Tuition Balance Due**