

# Edmonton Philharmonic Orchestra

## Membership Guidelines

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### Membership

- Completed registration form and the membership fee (Adults \$185; students \$92.50). Talk to Treasurer if this is problematic.
- Payment may be made half in September and half in January. Members who join or leave in January will pay half the annual fee.
- If your contact information changes during the year, please advise Personnel.

### Rehearsals

- We are a non-professional orchestra but try to look and act 'professional':
  - \* Rehearsals start at 7:15 p.m. Please arrive in time to set up before practice begins.
  - \* Bring a pencil.
  - \* Have your music organized.
  - \* Be attentive.
  - \* Be responsible for practicing enough so that the orchestra can make reasonable progress.
  - \* Be respectful of others:
    - Avoid distracting behaviors like
      - unrelated talking,
      - aimless 'noodling' on your instrument.
    - Limit visible chewing,
    - Avoid strong odors/colognes etc.
- You are part of an instrument section; you are not assigned to a specific chair. EPO policy is to share responsibility.
- There is one 10-minute break about halfway through the rehearsal.

### Music

- Music is available on EPO website.
- The Music Director will notify members each week as to which music will be practiced at the upcoming rehearsal.

### Attendance

- The door to the building may be locked after 7:30. If you're late, use the doorbell on the left side of the entry way.
- If you cannot attend a rehearsal, notify Personnel by 4 pm of the rehearsal day. If another player needs your music, make arrangements for this.
- If you need to take an extended absence, notify the Music Director and Personnel so a substitute may be found. If possible, let us know of someone who might be suitable. Ensure that your music is available for the substitute.
- If you can't attend a number of rehearsals just prior to a performance, the Music Director will decide whether or not it is in the best interests of the group for you to perform.
- If you must leave the orchestra, notify the Music Director and the Personnel Manager.

### Concerts

- Have your music organized in a black binder or black orchestra folder.
- Wear concert dress (see the Policies for details).
- We rehearse just prior to a concert. Do not seat your guests in the auditorium during this dress rehearsal.

### Calendar

- Check the [calendar](#) on our website for information about rehearsals and concerts.
- Changes to our plans can happen without much notice, so check the calendar frequently.

### Weather

- If the temperature or wind chill is -30 C or lower at 4 pm on the day of a rehearsal, the rehearsal will usually be canceled. An email will be sent by the Communications officer.
- Road conditions: A rehearsal could be canceled if the road conditions are poor or we have some other unusual situation.
- Concerts *will not* be canceled except occasionally by the hosting venue.

Further to these guidelines, please read the policies and bylaws at:  
<http://edmontonphilharmonic.com/more-info-for-members.html>

Other questions may be directed to any Board member.