

Edmonton Philharmonic Orchestra

Membership Guidelines

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Membership

As well as these guidelines, please read our policies and bylaws. You'll find them at:

<http://edmontonphilharmonic.com/more-info-for-members.html>

If your contact information changes, please advise the Personnel Manager.

Rehearsals

- Rehearsal starts at 7:30 p.m. Please arrive in time to set up before we start.
- Abide by the regulations of the venue. For example, remove your street shoes before you enter the library. Don't take liquids other than water into the library.
- Bring a pencil!
- Weather: At 4 pm on the day of the rehearsal, if the temperature or wind chill is -30 C or lower, the rehearsal will usually be cancelled. An email will be sent by the Chair of the Communications committee.
- Road conditions: A rehearsal could be cancelled if the road conditions are poor or we have some other unusual situation.
- We don't cancel concerts, but occasionally, a venue may cancel.
- We have one 15-minute break about halfway through the rehearsal.

Calendar

- Check the [calendar](#) on our website for information about rehearsals and concerts.

- Changes to our plans sometimes happen without lots of notice, so please check the calendar often.

Attendance

- The door to the school may be locked after 7:35. If you're late, try to phone or text someone in your section to let you in.
- If you can't attend a rehearsal, notify your section leader. If another player needs your music, make arrangements for this.
- If you need to take an extended absence, notify the Music Director and the Personnel Manager so we can try to arrange for a substitute. Let us know if you know of someone who might be suitable. Ensure that your music is available for the sub.
- If you can't attend a number of rehearsals before a performance, the Music Director will decide whether or not it's 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. Return originals of your music to the Librarian.

Fees

- Your membership fee is due when you register.
- You may pay half your fee in September and half in January. Members who join halfway through the season pay half the annual fee.

Music

- Music is available on our site. The Music Director notifies us before rehearsals about which music we need.
- When music is being collected, ensure that you return yours right away. When we rent music from other groups, we must pay for parts that members do not return.

Sections

You are part of a section; you're not assigned a specific chair. Our policy is to share parts.

Who to Contact

If you have questions about any orchestra-related subject, contact one of the Board members.

Practicing

You are responsible to practice enough so that the orchestra can make reasonable progress.

Concerts

- Put your music in a black binder or your black orchestra folder.
- Wear concert dress (see the Policies document for details). Dress for Christmas concerts is usually discussed at rehearsal.
- When we rehearse before a concert, do not seat guests in the auditorium during the dress rehearsal.

