

# WISCONSIN YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS



## WYSO MUSIC MAKERS MEMBER HANDBOOK

2022–2023

WYSO Music Makers is a  
program of the Wisconsin Youth  
Symphony Orchestras



Enriching and developing the music  
skills of children from all backgrounds in  
an inclusive and non-competitive  
environment.

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# WELCOME TO WYSO MUSIC MAKERS



*Welcome to WYSO Music Makers! We are so glad you are here!*

*We have a wonderful group of professional musician–teachers from our community who will be working with you in one–on–one lessons and collaborating to offer group classes, recitals, concerts, and other amazing opportunities. Our group classes are a critical part of the program where students work on skills with further guidance and with their peers. These group classes are an important aspect of preparing for our performances.*

*We hope that you love your individual lessons and group classes and that you work hard to practice and make consistent progress. Remember that individual practice is the most important work you can do to make progress. Though you will be playing a lot in the Music Makers program, the individual practice time you put in is the best way to continue getting better and solidify what your teachers are helping you learn. It's hard work and all of us musicians have worked with it, struggled with it, and found ways to make it work. Your teachers are wonderful resources not only for learning your instrument, but also learning ways to practice successfully.*

*WYSO Music Makers is a part of the larger organization of WYSO. Because of this, Music Makers members are welcome and encouraged to attend WYSO concerts at no cost.*

*We hope this WYSO Music Makers handbook is a useful resource in answering any questions you may have, and we encourage you to keep it somewhere handy for easy access throughout the year. All handbook information is also available on the website: [wysomusicmakers.org](http://wysomusicmakers.org). We are also available for you, so please be in touch if you have questions, concerns, or needs! We look forward to sharing this next year with you and your family!*

*Ria Hodgson*  
*WYSO Music Makers Director*



# ABOUT WYSO

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A model for youth orchestras, the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras (WYSO) provides innovative instrumental music education and performance opportunities accessible to all dedicated young people. WYSO has a devoted administrative and artistic staff that serves around 500 members distributed in five different orchestras and chamber ensembles.

The Madison Music Makers program was acquired by WYSO in July of 2017. Madison Music Makers was founded in 2007 by Bonnie Greene to provide equal access for Madison's children to study music and enjoy performance opportunities regardless of the family's background or resources.

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## FUNDRAISING

WYSO staff, board members and WYSO families engage in fundraising activities that help cover the cost of tuition, provide scholarships for WYSO members, and cover most of the costs of the WYSO Music Makers program.

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## ART OF NOTE

Art of Note is WYSO's largest fundraising event. This fundraiser features a dinner, silent auction, performances by WYSO ensembles, and more. This year's event will be in-person and will take place on Saturday, November 5th.

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## A NEW HOME FOR WYSO

Coming in the Fall of 2023, WYSO is scheduled to open a new music center and base of operations in the heart of Madison. Construction is currently underway on the 1100 block of East Washington.

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## WYSO MUSIC MAKERS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Ria Hodgson – WYSO Music Makers Director  
Simrin Sandhu – WYSO Music Makers Program Coordinator  
Maggie Schenk – WYSO Music Makers Membership Coordinator

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## WYSO ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Bridget Fraser – Executive Director  
Yanzel Rivera – Operations Director  
Joseph Greer – Librarian and  
Operations Assistant

Shuk-Ki (Suki) Wong – Administrative  
Manager  
Valree Casey – Membership Manager  
Susan Gardels – Director of  
Development and Communication  
Kelsey Yudice – Development and  
Communications Manager



# WYSO MUSIC MAKERS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

## WYSO MUSIC MAKERS DIRECTOR - Ria Hodgson



[ria@wysomusic.org](mailto:ria@wysomusic.org) 608-284-0744

The WYSO Music Makers Director is responsible for assuring a high-quality music education opportunity for all MM members through long term artistic and curriculum planning, weekly group class instruction, and the support and supervision of a private teaching staff.

In collaboration with the Program Coordinator and Membership Coordinator, the WYSO MM Director works to provide a welcoming musical environment rooted in equity, cultural sensitivity, and affirmation of diverse identities for all MM members and their families. The director is responsible for the coordination of day-to-day operations and works closely with the WYSO admin staff –for the orchestras as well as the Music Makers program – to support the growth of the Music Makers program and the experience of its students.

### Contact Ria if...

- You have questions about your private lessons or you need to make an adjustment to your private study
- You have questions about group class schedules or assignments
- You are interested in joining the Teen Teachers or Mentors programs
- You have questions about joining a WYSO Orchestra
- You have any questions, suggestions, or feedback regarding the Music Makers program

## WYSO MUSIC MAKERS PROGRAM COORDINATOR - Simrin Sandhu



[simrin@wysomusic.org](mailto:simrin@wysomusic.org) 608-284-0744

The WYSO Music Makers Program Coordinator is responsible for assisting with program operations, organizing venues for performances, and maintaining our instrument inventory. The Program Coordinator works to ensure all members have access to the resources and materials they need to have a successful Music Makers experience.

The Program Coordinator collaborates with the Membership Coordinator and Director on all day to day operations, and ensures the smooth running of Saturday classes and all other events.

### Contact Simrin if...

- You would like to borrow a Music Makers instrument
- Any issues arise with your instrument
- You need help acquiring music, instrument supplies, or any other music making materials
- You have any questions about upcoming Music Makers performances

## WYSO MUSIC MAKERS MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR - Maggie Schenk



[maggie@wysomusic.org](mailto:maggie@wysomusic.org) 608-960-9068

The WYSO Music Makers Membership Coordinator is responsible for supporting members and their families in having the best possible experience in Music Makers and communicates directly with families to address registration, attendance, tuition payments, volunteer opportunities, and other musical opportunities.

The Membership Coordinator collaborates with the Director and the Program Coordinator to facilitate all rehearsals, concerts, and events and is available to help families navigate potential roadblocks to participation, such as transportation assistance, language access, or access to other resources within or outside of the program. Maggie speaks Spanish and is happy to communicate with your family in Spanish if that is your preference. If you or someone in your family prefers to communicate in a language other than English or Spanish, Maggie will help find tools to facilitate this.

The Membership Coordinator also sends the Music Makers Weekly News, which is your go to source of information for all program news! Maggie will also be leading our new Music Makers Student Council this year – be in touch if you are interested in joining!

### Contact Maggie if...

- You have any questions about registration, attendance, tuition, volunteer opportunities, or any other aspects of your Music Makers experience
- You have any questions about any of the information in Weekly News
- You would like to feature your member, your family, or an event in the Weekly News
- You are interested in joining the Music Makers Student Council

# WYSO MUSIC MAKERS 2022-2023 CALENDAR AND GLOSSARY

WYSO Music Makers Group Classes: Every Saturday 9 am – 3pm

Location: Memorial United Church of Christ (MUCC)

5705 Lacy Rd., Fitchburg, WI 53711

\*\*\*: events marked with \*\*\* mean that WYSO Music Makers will be providing bus transportation to and from the event. Please check your Weekly News for specific details closer to the event and remember to let Simrin, Maggie, or Ria know if you do not plan to take the bus. Bus pickups will take place at MUCC.

- **MM Concert:** WYSO Music Makers Concerts are when our large ensembles perform together. All students who participate in group classes should plan to play at these concerts. Speak with your private teacher if you have any questions.
- **MM Recital:** A recital is a small performance setting where students perform solos or duos they have been working on in private lessons. If you are interested in participating in a recital, please speak with your private teacher. We encourage all families and students, to attend and support our friends at these recitals, even if you are not performing.
- **Dress Rehearsal:** A dress rehearsal takes place before a concert or recital and allows all members to practice their performance pieces. Members do not need to dress up for this rehearsal. All students are required to attend dress rehearsals.

2022	September	5th, Monday	Private Lessons Begin
		10th, Saturday	<b>Welcome Picnic.</b> @ Memorial United Church of Christ (MUCC)
		17th, Saturday	Group Classes Begin
		29th, Thursday	<b>Student Council Meeting,</b> 6:00–7:30pm @ Madison Youth Arts Center (MYArts)
	October	1st, Saturday	<b>Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Meeting,</b> 2:00pm @ MUCC
	November	10th, Thursday	<b>Student Council Meeting,</b> 6:00–7:30pm @ MYArts
		12th, Saturday	<b>Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Meeting,</b> 2:00pm @ MUCC
		19th, Saturday	<b>Fall Recital,</b> 3:30pm @ Grace Episcopal Church      No Group Classes
		21st – 27th	Thanksgiving Break: No Private Lessons or Group Classes
	December	28th, Monday	Private Lessons and Group Classes Resume
		12th – 18th	Lesson Makeup Week      No Group Classes
		17th, Saturday	<b>Dress Rehearsal,</b> 1:00–3:00pm @ MUCC      No Group Classes
		18th, Sunday	<b>Fall Concert,</b> 3:00pm @ Grace Episcopal Church
		19th, Monday	Winter Break Begins

2023

January

7th, Saturday

MLK Concert Dress Rehearsal @ MUCC

9th, Monday

Private Lessons Resume

13th, Friday

**\*\*\*MLK Dinner Concert, 4:30–7:00pm @ Gordon Dining and Events Center**

14th, Saturday

Group Classes Resume

19th, Thursday

**Student Council Meeting, 6:00–7:30pm @ MYArts**

21st, Saturday

**Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Meeting, 2:00pm @ MUCC**

February

19th, Sunday

**Spring Recital #1, 3:00pm @ Grace Episcopal Church**

March

2nd, Thursday

**Student Council Meeting, 6:00–7:30pm @ MYArts**

4th, Saturday

**Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Meeting, 2:00pm @ MUCC**

12th, Sunday

**Spring Recital #2, 3:00pm @ Grace Episcopal Church**

28th–April 2nd

Spring Break: No Private Lessons or Group Classes

April

3rd, Monday

Lessons Resume

8th, Saturday

No Group Classes – Easter Weekend

15th, Saturday

Group Classes Resume

27th, Thursday

**Student Council Meeting, 6:00–7:30pm @ MYArts**

29th, Saturday

**Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Meeting, 2:00pm @ MUCC**

May

13th Saturday

**Dress Rehearsal, 1:00–3:00pm @ MUCC**

20th, Saturday

**Spring Concert, 3:30pm @ MYArts** No Group Classes

22nd –28th

Lesson Makeup Week No Group Classes

25th, Thursday

**Student Council Meeting, 6:00–7:30pm @ MYArts**

29th–June 3rd

Lesson Makeup Week No Group Classes

## Group Class Schedule

### Music Theory

Theory A Duration: 30 Minutes  
Theory B+ C Duration: 45 Minutes

Theory B: 9:00am

Theory C: 9:45am

Theory A: 10:30am

### Violin and Viola

Class Length: 45 Minutes

Forte: 9:00am

Allegro: 10:00am

Vivace: 11:00am

Presto: 12:00pm

Dolce: 1:00pm

### Guitar

Class Length: 45 Minutes

Guitar C: 11:00am

Guitar A: 12:00pm

Guitar B: 1:00pm

### Percussion Pilots

Class Length: 45 Minutes

Percussion Pilots B: 11:00am

Percussion Pilots A: 12:00pm

### Advanced Strings

Class Length: 45 Minutes

Ensemble A: 11:00am



# PRIVATE LESSONS

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WYSO Music Makers members who are enrolled in private lessons will meet individually with their teacher once a week to study their primary instrument. Depending on the member's age, lessons range in length from 30 to 60 minutes

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## ATTENDANCE

It is very important to arrive 10 minutes early to private lessons to ensure lessons begin on time.

At the beginning of each semester, members are expected to communicate with their assigned teacher to decide on their weekly lesson time. Your private teacher reserves your lesson time for you every week. Members are required to attend all scheduled lessons.

If you know in advance of a conflict that will interfere with your private lesson attendance, please inform your private teacher at the beginning of the semester, or as soon as possible (at least 24 hours before your lesson time) to reschedule or cancel your lesson.

In the event of an unavoidable last-minute conflict with a private lesson, you are expected to notify your private teacher as soon as possible. Make up lessons for missed classes with less than 24 hours notice are not guaranteed and will be scheduled at the discretion of your instructor.

A repeated pattern of unexcused private lesson absences or last minute cancellations will require a conference with the WYSO MM Director to discuss what changes are necessary to move forward in the program

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## PRACTICING

Practice at home is essential to learning a musical instrument. We encourage our members to decide on a time of day that works for the member and family to take their instrument out of their case and work on the assigned songs and exercises provided by their private teacher. Practice can be thought of like school homework, and family encouragement is essential.

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## TEACHER PLACEMENT

Initial studio placement is primarily based on instructor availability at the time of a student's acceptance into the program. We are proud to have a faculty of highly trained professional musicians in our program who work together to create a cohesive learning experience across the Music Makers Program.

However, there are many reasons a student or teacher may choose to discontinue their working relationship, including schedule conflicts, logistical challenges, or simply differences in teaching/learning style.

If either party feels that they are not a good fit, they should voice their concerns to the MM Director at which point the director will have separate meetings with the teacher and with the student and their family.

If both parties are open to mediation, there will then be a meeting with the director, teacher, and student/family to make a plan for future success.

Though mediation is strongly recommended, a request for change of private teacher is taken very seriously and every effort will be made to accommodate this request when possible.

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## PAUSE OR END OF STUDY

We understand that you may decide to pause or discontinue your musical study. If you are considering taking a break from the program or discontinuing your lessons entirely, you must communicate with both the Music Makers Director and with your private teacher.

The Music Makers Director and the Music Makers Membership Coordinator will first work with you, your family, and your teacher to try to offer support or resolution for any challenges that may be interfering with your enjoyment of, or access to, your musical studies before making arrangements to pause or stop participation in Music Makers lessons and classes.

# SATURDAY CLASSES

All Music Makers group classes take place on Saturdays at the Memorial United Church of Christ.

**Memorial United Church of Christ (MUCC)**  
5705 Lacy Rd., Fitchburg

Your class schedule will be shared with you via email. Please carefully check to make sure you receive all WYSO Music Makers emails!

In addition to instrumental group classes, we also offer:

## Music Theory:

Studying music theory is beneficial to a student's music reading and can lead students to more advanced levels of playing. WYSO Music Makers offers multiple theory courses, and the class is open to ALL Music Makers students, regardless of which instrument you study.

## Percussion Pilots:

This class helps students develop valuable rhythm and ensemble skills through world drumming and the exploration of world percussion instruments. Students work together to compose original pieces for performance based on the skills they learn in class.

## CLASS GUIDELINES



1. All members are encouraged to come to group classes prepared to play assigned songs. Individual practice at home prior to class and lessons is essential! Group class and lessons are a time for ensemble development and musical growth.
2. For the safety of all WYSO Music Makers members, signing in at the front desk for attendance is required every Saturday.
3. Members and parents are responsible for reading Weekly News emails, all posted announcements, and handouts.

## PUNCTUALITY



Members should arrive 10 MINUTES before their class or lesson starting time in order to have time to get unpacked, tuned, and ready to play. It is often distracting when students arrive late and need help tuning once classes have started. Do all you can to be on time!

## ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE



To have a successful musical experience, students must attend all group classes and private lessons. However, we understand that conflicts may arise, and we will work with your family to accommodate necessary absences.

If you know of a conflict in advance that will interfere with your group class attendance, please inform the Membership Coordinator at the beginning of the semester, or as far in advance as possible (a minimum of 24 hours notice).

In the event of unavoidable last-minute conflict with a group class, please be in touch with the Membership Coordinator as soon as possible.

You may contact the Membership Coordinator in any of the following ways:

1. Email [musicmakers@wysomusic.org](mailto:musicmakers@wysomusic.org) with expected date and reason.
2. Filling out an absence card located on our website at [wysomusic.org/absence-request-form/](https://wysomusic.org/absence-request-form/)
3. Call or text 608-960-9068. If no response, please leave a voice message.

**Please know that if a student is absent without notice, we will call to check for the safety of the student. A repeated pattern of unexcused absences will require a conference with the WYSO MM Director to discuss what changes are necessary to move forward in the program.**

# PRIVATE LESSON AND SATURDAY CHECKLIST



- **Instrument:** Including all accessories, such as shoulder rest, sponge, capo, guitar picks, etc.
- **Music:** Any books or printouts you use in class and lessons.
- **A great attitude!** We are always so happy to see you and hope you feel the same.

A dedicated “WYSO Music Makers” bag can be very useful in staying organized. It can include:

- Folder labeled with member’s name and instrument
- Notebook
- Pencil to write down information from teachers and staff
- All lesson and group class music.

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## LOST AND FORGOTTEN MUSIC

Every member is responsible for their music and bringing it to classes and lessons. If original music is lost, you may purchase additional copies.

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## WYSO MUSIC MAKERS INSTRUMENTS



WYSO Music Makers members will receive an instrument to use for the duration of their time as a member. There is no additional cost for borrowing an instrument, but it is essential that members take good care of their instrument. Washing hands often will help keep instruments in good condition (as well as reducing the possibility of getting sick.)

Members are responsible for signing an Instrument Lending Agreement for every instrument borrowed. The terms of the agreement include:

1. Special care will be taken to avoid exposure to temperature and humidity extremes as such exposure could easily damage the instrument. This includes not leaving an instrument inside a car under any circumstance.
2. The instrument will be appropriately cleaned and stored after every use.
3. Members should contact the WYSO Music Makers program coordinator or their private teacher in the event of an accident. **Do not attempt to fix the instrument on your own.**
4. WYSO Music Makers staff has the right at any time to revoke instrument–borrowing privileges.





# MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities that come with being a Music Maker Member, and we encourage all students to explore as many as they would like. Parents or students should contact [musismakers@wysomusic.org](mailto:musismakers@wysomusic.org) if they would like to get involved, or have any questions about these programs.

Some of these opportunities are held on Saturdays, during group classes from 9am–3pm at Memorial United Church of Christ (MUCC) 5705 Lacy Rd. Fitchburg, WI 53711

## Music Makers Mentors

Music Makers Mentors will receive service learning hours (which are required for high school graduation)

Music Makers Mentors is a volunteer opportunity for motivated high school students in any WYSO program to assist the operation of the WYSO Music Makers program and engage meaningfully with younger students. Responsibilities may include student supervision and operation support during Saturday classes at MUCC.

## Teen Teachers

Teen Teachers will receive a stipend of \$100 per semester

Music Makers Teen Teachers is a training program for high school students in any WYSO program who are interested in music education. Participants in this program attend regular seminars on music pedagogy, financial literacy, and college preparation. Teen Teachers will also have opportunities for paid hands-on classroom experience working with beginning/elementary age students in the Music Makers program. Teen Teachers will work a minimum of 10 hours per semester primarily during Saturday classes at MUCC.

## Student Council

Meetings will be held at:  
**Madison Youth Arts Center**  
(MYArts)  
1055 East Mifflin St Madison,  
WI 53703

WYSO Music Makers students of all ages are invited to take on a leadership role through participation in the WYSO Music Makers Student Council. Students in this group will offer important feedback regarding Music Makers programming, plan student activities, and more! Music Makers Student Council will meet Thursday evenings (6:00-7:30pm), led by our Music Makers Membership Coordinator, Maggie Schenk.

## WYSO Orchestras and Chamber Music

Many WYSO Music Makers students go on to participate in the WYSO orchestra and chamber music program in addition to their studies at Music Makers. Members who are interested in learning more about this opportunity should plan to attend an orchestra and chamber music program Q+A session, held at least once per semester. Watch Weekly News for information on upcoming meetings!

## Music Makers Summer Camp

Each summer, WYSO Music Makers offers week-long day camp for students ages 4 –12, concluding in a performance. Instrumental classes are held every day and function much like group classes do during the year. Students will also get to take part in an array of arts immersion classes where they can explore other musical subjects, visual art, movement, and more! Please note: this year Music Makers Camp will be held in July (2023).

## Scholarships Beyond WYSO Music Makers

WYSO Music Makers strongly encourages all members to participate in other music activities and offers scholarships for:  
UW Summer Music Clinic (grades 5 and up)  
Music Festivals  
Music Camps  
WYSO Orchestras

# WYSO MUSIC MAKERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Every member agrees to the following Code of Conduct as a basic condition of membership.

WYSO Music Makers members are ambassadors for the organization and the behavior of each member reflects upon the entire group. Each member is expected to be respectful and courteous and show consideration for others. A successful WYSO Music Makers experience will grow from the care we show each other and the community we build together.

1. Members will respect and follow the guidance and authority of the WYSO Music Makers staff and teachers at all times.
2. WYSO Music Makers is a guest at the Memorial United Church of Christ. It is a privilege for us to use MUCC. Members will respect and follow these guidelines:
  - a. Food and drink (except bottled water) is limited to Fellowship Hall.
  - b. No running, shouting, or playing with church items labeled as “do not touch” .
  - c. Limit outside activities to the outside areas and inform the adult at the membership table before leaving the building. Outside play needs to be supervised by an adult.
3. Cell phones or other devices for texting, calling, playing games, or any other use during class or lessons is prohibited.
4. No gum – it creates jaw tension in violinists, which can be painful!
5. Fingernails must be kept trimmed: In order to maintain proper posture while playing, students of all instruments are required to keep their fingernails trimmed, no longer than the tips of their fingers. Acrylic nails are not allowed under any circumstances.
6. Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras and WYSO Music Makers are dedicated to creating and maintaining an environment in which the dignity and worth of all members of the community are respected. Inappropriate verbal or physical behavior or sexual harassment of or by members and staff is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Good judgment and restraint are expected.
7. Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras and WYSO Music Makers are dedicated to educating a diverse and changing student body. WYSO affirms its commitment to a community in which all members and staff are accepted and valued as individuals, independent of ancestry, social background, race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, physical characteristics or personal beliefs.

**WYSO Music Makers Staff is responsible for students during their class times and Concerts. Students are the responsibility of the parents when they are not in class even when they are present at our location.**



# MEMBER FEES

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WYSO Music Makers membership includes private lessons, group classes, instrument rental and care, sheet music, and a T-shirt.

WYSO Music Makers strives to keep costs as low as possible for our families by offering subsidized tuition and sliding scale fee options. Average monthly member fees cover a small percentage of the cost for each student to participate. The balance is made up through fundraising efforts of the WYSO Board, staff, and families.

The subsidized monthly member fee for WYSO Music Makers is \$40 per student. If \$40 a month is not possible, please let us know, we are happy to help. Every contribution helps our mission no matter the amount.

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## PAYMENTS

WYSO Music Makers accepts cash, checks and credit/debit cards. Payments are due at the beginning of every month.

### Pay Online

Visit [www.wysomusicmakers.org/multi-purpose-payment-form](http://www.wysomusicmakers.org/multi-purpose-payment-form) to pay online with credit or debit card. Follow the instructions. One transaction per student, please.

### Pay by Mail

Please make checks payable to WYSO Music Makers and send to:

WYSO Music Makers  
P.O. Box 258039  
Madison, WI, 53725

### Pay in Person at Saturday Group Classes

#### CASH OR CHECK

All cash and check payments should be placed in WYSO Music Makers Payment Envelopes available at the front desk.

1. Take an envelope from the front desk and write:
  - a. Student's name
  - b. Current date
  - c. Month(s) for which you are paying
2. Deposit envelope in the red drop box located at the front desk.

#### CREDIT OR DEBIT

All payments with a credit or debit card are processed through our website. If you wish to pay this way on Saturday, we can provide you with an Ipad or laptop to make this payment on site.



# ATTIRE GUIDELINES

Members are to be thoughtful in how they dress for lessons, classes and performances.

NO waist–revealing pants  
NO midriff–baring shirts

NO visible undergarments  
NO bare feet

## CONCERTS

### CONCERT ATTIRE

- **TOP:** WYSO Music Makers T–shirt provided at the beginning of the semester. If the student outgrows the T–Shirt, please exchange it at the front desk.
- **BOTTOM:** Clean and tidy, dark blue or black, pants or skirts that go below the knee. No sweatpants or running shoes, please. Pants/skirts should be appropriate for sitting on the floor.

### CONCERT ETIQUETTE

(Please consider this when attending any Performance)



WYSO Music Makers aims to provide the best possible concert experience for both the performers and the audience. Certain behaviors can be distracting to the performers and audience members during a concert. As a general rule please adhere to the following:

- No food or drink is allowed at the concert venue.
- No loud or disruptive behavior inside the concert hall.
- Please try to enter and exit during applause. Ushers will indicate appropriate times to find a seat.
- If you would like to photograph or record the concert, please be mindful of the people around you. Please do not stand up, block other audience members' view, or disturb your neighbors. Please, no flash photography.

### CONCERT TICKETS

All WYSO Music Makers Concerts are free of charge and are not ticketed. Other WYSO concerts are free to Music Makers students and their families, but may require a ticket to enter– contact Music Makers staff if you are interested in attending one of these performances.

Local professional ensembles such as the Madison Symphony Orchestra and the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra sometimes offer free or reduced price student tickets for our members – if these opportunities are available they will be communicated through Weekly News!

## RECITALS

If you have questions, feel free to contact the Program Coordinator, or another member of WYSO Music Makers Administrative staff.

A recital offers students the opportunity to perform solos or duos they have been working on in their private lessons.

This season WYSO Music Makers will be programming three recital dates, one in the fall, and two in the spring. Every student will have the opportunity to play in two recitals during the season. **Note:** Due to the high demand, Students will only be assigned to one recital in the spring.

Reminders and more information will be shared through the Weekly News.

If you are interested in participating in a recital, please speak with your private teacher who will help you to prepare and sign you up for the recital. Music Makers Admin staff will then contact you to confirm your program information 3 weeks in advance of the event.

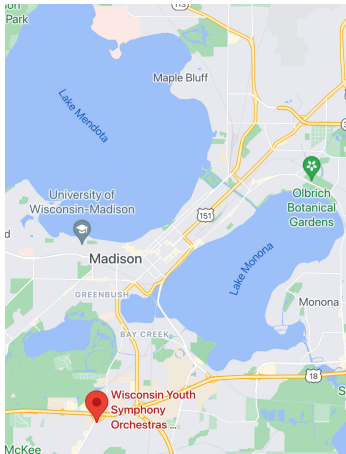
# WYSO MUSIC MAKERS COMMUNICATION

## WEEKLY NEWS

The Weekly News is WYSO Music Maker's primary source of communication between WYSO Music Makers and its members. You will receive an email every Thursday containing important information about upcoming concerts, changes of schedule and other related information. Please make sure you have an updated email on file. If you do not receive weekly news and we have your email, check your junk folder!

If you have any questions about the information in Weekly News, or if you would like us to highlight your member, family, or an event in the Weekly News, please be in touch with WYSO Music Makers Membership Coordinator Maggie Schenk at [maggie@wysomusic.org](mailto:maggie@wysomusic.org) or 608-960-9068.

## WYSO AND WYSO MUSIC MAKERS OFFICE INFORMATION



### WYSO Office:

17 Applegate Ct.  
Suite 10  
Madison, WI 53713  
608-733-6283

### IN SEASON HOURS

Tuesday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm

### SUMMER HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm

*\*Open office hours are limited. Please contact in advance to arrange a visit.*



### Music Makers Saturday Address:

Memorial United Church of Christ (MUCC)  
5705 Lacy Rd.  
Fitchburg, WI 53711

General Email: [musicmakers@wysomusic.org](mailto:musicmakers@wysomusic.org)  
Website: [www.wysomusicmakers.org](http://www.wysomusicmakers.org)

2022-2023 MUSIC MAKERS CALENDAR			
Red=No Classes / Green=Dress Rehearsal / Blue=Performance / Pink = Student Council Meeting / Purple = Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Meeting			
FALL SEMESTER		Location	Time
August 27	Virtual Orientation	Online	10:00 AM, 11:30 AM
Week 1: September 5-11			
September 5, Monday	Private Lessons Begin		
September 10, Saturday	Welcome Picnic	MUCC	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Week 2: September 12 - 18			
September 17, Saturday	Group Classes Begin	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Week 3: September 19 - 25			
September 24, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Week 4: September 26 - October 2			
September 29, Thursday	Student Council Meeting	Madison Youth Arts Center	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
October 1, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
October 1, Saturday	PCG Meeting #1	MUCC	3:00 PM
Week 5: October 3 - 9			
October 8, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Week 6: October 10 - 16			
October 15, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Week 7: October 17 - 23			
October 22, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Week 8: October 24 - 30			
October 29, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Week 9: October 31 - November 6			
November 5, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
November 5, Saturday	Art of Note	Monona Terrace	
Week 10: November 7 - 13			
November 10, Thursday	Student Council Meeting	Madison Youth Arts Center	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
November 12, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
November 12, Saturday	Recital Dress Rehearsal	MUCC	During Participating Student's Group Classes
November 12, Saturday	PCG Meeting #2	MUCC	3:00 PM
Week 11: November 14 - 20			
November 19, Saturday	NO GROUP CLASSES		
November 19, Saturday	Fall Recital	Grace Episcopal Church	3:30 PM
November 19, Saturday	Philharmonia Orchestra Concert	McFarland High School	7:00 PM
November 20, Sunday	Opus One/Sinfonietta Concert	McFarland High School	4:00 PM
November 20, Sunday	Youth Orchestra Concert	McFarland High School	7:00 PM
THANKSGIVING BREAK - November 21-27			
Week 12: November 28 - December 4			
November 28, Monday	Private Lessons Resume		
December 3, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Week 13: December 5 - 11			
December 10, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00AM - 3:00PM
Make-up Week 1: December 12 - 18			
December 12, Monday	Make-up Lessons Begin		
December 17, Saturday	NO GROUP CLASSES		
December 17, Saturday	Concert Dress Rehearsal	MUCC	TBD
December 18, Sunday	Fall Concert	Grace Episcopal Church	3:00 PM
WINTER BREAK - December 19 - January 6			



SPRING SEMESTER		Location	Time
January 7, Saturday	MLK Concert Dress Rehearsal	MUCC	During Participating Student's Group Classes
<b>Week 14: January 9 - 15</b>			
January 9, Monday	Lessons Resume		
January 13, Friday	MLK Dinner	Gordon Dining & Event Center 770 W Dayton St Madison 53715	4:30 PM - 7:00PM
January 14, Saturday	Group Classes Resume	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
<b>Week 15: January 16 - 22</b>			
January 19, Thursday	Student Council Meeting	Madison Youth Arts Center	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
January 21, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
January 21, Saturday	PCG Meeting #3	MUCC	3:00 PM
<b>Week 16: January 23 - 29</b>			
January 28, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
<b>Week 17: January 30 - February 5</b>			
February 4, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
<b>Week 18: February 6 - 12</b>			
February 11, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
<b>Week 19: February 13 - 19</b>			
February 18, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
February 18, Saturday	Recital Dress Rehearsal	MUCC	During Participating Student's Group Classes
February 19, Sunday	Spring Recital #1	Grace Episcopal Church	3:00 PM
<b>Week 20: February 20 - 26</b>			
February 25, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
<b>Week 21: February 27 - March 5</b>			
March 2, Thursday	Student Council Meeting	Madison Youth Arts Center	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
March 4, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
March 4, Saturday	Opus One/Sinfonietta Concert	McFarland High School	1:00 PM
March 4, Saturday	PCG Meeting #4	MUCC	3:00 PM
March 4, Saturday	Philharmonia Orchestra Concert	McFarland High School	7:00 PM
March 5, Sunday	Youth Orchestra Concert	McFarland High School	2:00 PM
<b>Week 22: March 6 - 12</b>			
March 11, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
March 11, Saturday	Recital Dress Rehearsal	MUCC	During Participating Student's Group Classes
March 12, Sunday	Spring Recital #2	Grace Episcopal Church	3:00 PM
<b>Week 23: March 13 - 19</b>			
March 18, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
<b>Week 24: March 20 - 26</b>			
March 25, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
<b>SPRING BREAK -- March 27 - April 2</b>			
<b>Week 25: April 3 - 9</b>			
April 3, Monday	Private Lessons Resume		
April 8, Saturday	NO GROUP CLASSES		
<b>Week 26: April 10 - 16</b>			
April 15, Saturday	Group Classes Resume	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
<b>Week 27: April 17 - 23</b>			
April 22, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
April 22, Saturday	Percussion Extravaganza	McFarland High School	1:00 PM
<b>Week 28: April 24 - 30</b>			PCG
April 27, Thursday	Student Council Meeting	Madison Youth Arts Center	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
April 29, Saturday	Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
April 29, Saturday	PCG Meeting #5	MUCC	3:00 PM
<b>Week 29: May 1 - 7</b>			
May 6, Saturday	Final Group Classes	MUCC	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

<b>Week 30: May 8 - 14</b>			
May 13, Saturday	<b>NO GROUP CLASSES</b>		
May 13, Saturday	Concert Dress Rehearsal	MUCC	TBD
<b>Week 31: May 15 - 21</b>			
May 15, Monday	Last Week of Private Lessons		
May 20, Saturday	<b>NO GROUP CLASSES</b>		
May 20, Saturday	Spring Concert	Madison Youth Arts Center	3:30 PM
May 20, Saturday	Youth Orchestra Concert	Hamel Music Center	7:00 PM
<b>Make-up Week 2: May 22 - 28</b>			
May 22, Monday	Make-up Lessons Begin		
May 25, Thursday	Student Council Meeting	Madison Youth Arts Center	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
May 27, Saturday	<b>NO GROUP CLASSES</b>		
<b>Make-up Week 3: May 29 - June 4</b>	Make-up Lesson Week 3		
May 29, Monday	Make-up Lessons Continue		
June 1, Saturday	<b>NO GROUP CLASSES</b>		