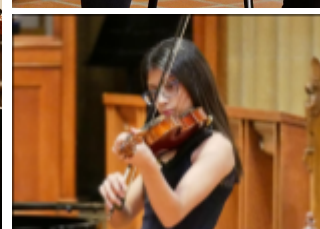


WISCONSIN YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS



WYSO MUSIC MAKERS MEMBER HANDBOOK 2023-2024

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 musicians—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. 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

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.

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.

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 take place on Saturday, November 4th.

A NEW HOME FOR WYSO

- Coming in the Spring of 2024, 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.

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

WYSO ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Bridget Fraser – Executive Director

Yanzel Rivera – Operations Director

Susan Gardels – Development and Communication Director

Ellie McShane – Development Manager

Roger Seaver – Director of Facilities

Shuk-Ki (Suki) Wong – Administrative Manager

Joseph Greer – Librarian and Operations Assistant

Tiffany Misko – Communications and Marketing Manager

Andrew Briddell – Director of Community Partnerships

WYSO MUSIC MAKERS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

WYSO MUSIC MAKERS DIRECTOR - Ria Hodgson

ria@wysomusic.org 608-284-0744



The WYSO Music Makers Director is responsible for ensuring 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 have questions about joining a WYSO Orchestra
- You have any questions, suggestions, or feedback regarding the Music Makers program

WYSO MUSIC PROGRAM COORDINATOR - Simrin Sandhu

simrin@wysomusic.org 608-453-5631



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 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.

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 2023-2024 CALENDAR AND GLOSSARY

WYSO Music Makers Group Classes: Every Saturday 10 am – 4 pm

Fall Semester Location: Memorial United Church of Christ (MUCC)

5705 Lacy Rd., Fitchburg, WI 53711

Spring Semester Location: WYSO Center for Music (WYSO CFM)

1118 East Washington Ave., Madison, WI 53703

- **Concerts:** At a concert, large ensembles perform together. Students who participate in group classes are expected to participate in all scheduled group class performances. Note: Failure to meet this requirement will warrant a meeting with MM Staff to discuss future participation in group classes.
- **Recitals:** A recital is a small performance setting where students perform solos or duos they have been working on in their 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. Dress rehearsal attendance is required to perform in the concert.

2023	September	4th, Monday	Private Lessons Begin
		9th, Saturday	Welcome Picnic
		16th, Saturday	Group Classes Begin
	November	4th, Saturday	Recital Dress Rehearsal @ MUCC
		4th, Saturday	Art of Note - By Invitation
		11th, Saturday	Music Makers Fall Recital
		12th, Sunday	Music Makers Fall Recital
		20th - 26th	Thanksgiving Break: No Private Lessons or Group Classes
	December	27th, Monday	Private Lessons Resume
		2nd, Saturday	Group Classes Resume
		11th - 17th	Make-up Lesson Week #1
		16th, Saturday	Fall Concert Dress Rehearsal @ MUCC No Group Classes
		17th, Sunday	Music Makers Fall Concert
		18th - Jan 6th	Winter Break: No Private Lessons or Group Classes

WYSO Music Makers Group Classes: Every Saturday 10 am – 4 pm
Spring Semester Location: WYSO Center for Music
1118 East Washington Ave., Madison, WI 53703

2024	January	8th, Monday	Private Lessons Resume
		14th, Saturday	Group Classes Resume @ WYSO Center for Music (WYSO CFM)
		TBD	MLK Dinner - By Invitation
	March	23ed, Saturday	No Group Classes
		23ed - 31st	Spring Break: No Private Lessons or Group Classes
	April	1st, Monday	Private Lessons Resume
		6th, Saturday	Group Classes Resume
		20th, Saturday	No Group Classes
		20th, Saturday	Percussion Extravaganza - By Invitation
		21st, Sunday	Recital Dress Rehearsal @ WYSO CFM
		27th, Saturday	Group Classes Resume
		27th, Saturday	Music Makers Spring Recital
	May	28th, Sunday	Music Makers Spring Recital
		11th, Saturday	Final Saturday Group Classes
		13th, Monday	Last Week of Private Lessons
		18th, Saturday	Concert Dress Rehearsal, Time TBD @ WYSO Center for Music
		19th, Sunday	Music Makers Spring Concert
		20th - 26th	Make-up Lesson Week #2
		27th - June 2nd	Make-up Lesson Week #3

Note: A more detailed version of the Music Makers 23-24 calendar can be accessed through your WYSO portal account or by visiting <https://wysomusic.org/portal/music-makers/>

PRIVATE LESSONS

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 a number of factors, lessons can range in length from 30 to 60 minutes.

ATTENDANCE

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. It is very important to arrive promptly at the time of your lesson to ensure lessons begin on time.

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 absences 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 MM Director to discuss what changes are necessary to move forward in the program.

If a conference is necessary, the MM Director will meet with the family and instructor separately. Depending on the situation, you may be invited to take a break to evaluate your continued interest in the program. If you elect to take a break, you have until the end of the semester to decide whether you will continue with lessons or leave the program.

VIRTUAL LESSONS

It is crucial for healthy musical development that the majority of private lessons are taken in person. Virtual lessons are a great tool for teachers and students to be able to stay in contact during times of travel, illness, or other unforeseen emergencies, but should not be the primary venue for instruction at Music Makers. Please do not plan virtual lessons more than once per month and always communicate with your teacher ahead of time.

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.

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.

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 MM Director and 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

For the Fall of 2023, Music Makers group classes will take place on Saturdays at the Memorial United Church of Christ. Memorial United Church of Christ (MUCC) 5705 Lacy Rd., Fitchburg WI, 53711	For the Spring of 2024, Music Makers group classes will take place at the WYSO Center for Music. WYSO Center for Music (WYSO CFM) 1118 East Washington Ave., Madison WI, 53703
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Your class schedule will be shared with you via email. Please carefully check to make sure you receive all WYSO Music Makers emails!

CLASS GUIDELINES

1. All members are encouraged to come to group classes prepared to play assigned songs. Individual practice at home prior to classes and lessons is essential! Group classes and private lessons are a time for ensemble development and musical growth.
2. Members and parents are responsible for reading Weekly News email, all posted announcements, and handouts.

ATTIRE GUIDELINES

NO waist-revealing pants
NO midriff-baring shirts

NO visible undergarments
NO bare feet

PUNCTUALITY

Members should arrive 10 MINUTES before their class starting time in order to have enough time to get unpacked, tuned, and be 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 should attend all of the group classes and private lessons that they have enrolled in. 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 with expected date and reason.
2. Filling out an absence card located on our website at wysomusic.org/absence-request-form/
3. Call or text 608-960-9068. If there is 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. Students are allotted 5 absences per class per semester. If a student exceeds this number of absences, a meeting with the WYSO MM Director will be necessary to discuss a student's what changes are necessary to move forward in the program.

PRIVATE LESSON AND SATURDAY CHECKLIST

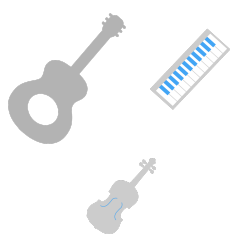


- **Instrument:** Including all accessories, such as shoulder rest, sponge, capo, guitar picks, etc.
- **Music:** Any books or printouts you use in class and lessons.
- **A great attitude!** We are always so happy to see you and hope you feel the same.

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

- Music Makers binder with member’s name
- Notebook & pencil to write down information from teachers and staff
- All lesson and group class music

WYSO MUSIC MAKERS INSTRUMENTS



WYSO Music Makers members are welcome to borrow 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.

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 agreeing to NEVER leave your 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.



WYSO MUSIC MAKERS MUSIC LIBRARY

WYSO Music Makers has an extensive collection of music books and sheet music available for check-out. If you would like to check out something from the Music Makers Library, stop by during Saturday programming or contact simrin@wysomusic.org for more information about our library contents.

LOST AND FORGOTTEN MUSIC

- Every member is responsible for their music and bringing it to classes and lessons. If original music is lost, or you forget your music at home, speak with the Program Coordinator, Simrin, about acquiring an additional copy.

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 musicmakers@wysomusic.org if they would like to get involved, or have any questions about these programs.

MUSIC MAKERS 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.

There is a limit of 6 spots available in this program. Students should contact ria@wysomusic.org as early as possible if you are interested in participating.

STUDENT COUNCIL

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! Students should contact maggie@wysomusic.org to sign up.

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 year. Keep an eye on Weekly News for information regarding any upcoming meetings!

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

MUSIC MAKERS VOLUNTEERS

Students who would like to volunteer for the WYSO Music Makers program can reach out to maggie@wysomusic.org to enter our volunteer opportunities mailing list. We will reach out with volunteer opportunities as they arise. Opportunities may include student supervision, operation support during Saturday classes, and assistance during special events and performances.



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.
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 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. It is expected that all WYSO Music Makers members will show respect for others through their words and actions while participating in all program activities.

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

WYSO Music Makers membership includes private lessons, group classes, performance opportunities, instrument rental and care, sheet music, and a T-shirt. **The suggested monthly member fee for WYSO Music Makers is \$40 per student.**

WYSO Music Makers strives to keep costs as low as possible for our families by offering generous tuition grants to meet a range of sliding scale fee options. The suggested fee of \$40 per month is equivalent to approximately 25% of a student's total cost of tuition. The remaining 75% tuition grant is made possible through fundraising efforts of the WYSO Board, staff, and families.

Every contribution helps our mission, no matter the amount. Though \$40 per month is our suggested fee, some families pay more and some pay less depending on individual circumstances. At registration, please let us know your planned monthly contribution to your WYSO Music Makers tuition- we are happy to adjust the amounts of tuition grants as needed.

PAYMENTS

WYSO Music Makers accepts cash, checks and credit/debit cards. Payments are due at the beginning of every month. This year we are also offering the option to enroll in an auto payment system.

Pay Online

Visit <https://wysomusic.org/multi-purpose-payment-form/> to pay online with credit or debit card. Follow the instructions. One transaction per student, please.

Note: There is a 4% credit/debit card processing fee if you pay online with a credit/debit card

Enroll in Autopay

Music Makers families can elect to have their Membership Fees paid automatically each month via credit card or banking account. Please email maggie at maggie@wysomusic.org if this sounds like a helpful option for your family and you would like to enroll. **DO NOT EMAIL OR TEXT CREDIT CARD OR BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION TO US.** Wait for us to call you so we can receive your information securely.

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.

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 inside the concert hall.
- No loud or disruptive behavior inside the concert hall.
- Please try to enter and exit during applause.
- 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' views, 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!

GROUP CLASS & DRESS REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE

To ensure that all students will have a positive performance experience, attendance to a minimum of 3 out of the 5 group classes leading up to the concert is required in order to perform at the concert.

- If a student does not meet this requirement, Music Makers staff will arrange a meeting with the student and their group class and/or private instructors to evaluate whether the student will be ready to perform at the concert.

Attendance at the concert dress rehearsal is required. If you know of a conflict in advance, please be in touch with MM staff as soon as possible, so that we can discuss options for your student's participation.

If a student is absent from the dress rehearsal without notice, we cannot guarantee that the student will play in the concert.

- Following an unexcused absence at a dress rehearsal, families must reach out to MM staff prior to the date of the concert if they would like to discuss the possibility of their student still performing at the concert.

RECITALS

Every student will have the opportunity to perform in two recitals during the season. If you are interested in participating in a recital, please speak with your private teacher. This year we will have two recital weekends, one weekend in the fall and one in the spring. Students may sign up for one of the weekend dates (either Saturday or Sunday) each semester.

RECITAL SIGN-UP PROCESS

Recital sign-up forms will be distributed to private teachers at the beginning of the year. Students who would like to participate in a recital should fill out the sign-up form with their private teacher during their lesson. The form will require the signature of the student, instructor, and guardian. Only completed forms will be accepted.

Physical forms can be submitted on Saturdays from 10 am - 4 pm during group class programming. Alternatively, a photo of the filled out form can be submitted in an email to simrin@wysomusic.org. A confirmation email will be sent to all parties after a completed form is submitted.

We will be limiting the number of students who can perform at each recital to 25 students per recital. These spots will fill on a first-come, first-served basis.

RECITAL TIMELINE

6 Weeks from the recital: A reminder will be sent out regarding sign-up. Take time during your lessons over the next 2 weeks to fill out the form.

4 Weeks from the recital: Recital submission will open for acceptance. Spots will fill on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of 25 students per recital.

- An announcement will be made as soon as recital spots fill up

2 Weeks from the recital: Recital submissions window closes.

1 Week from the recital: There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday for students whom we have hired a pianist to accompany them at the recital.

RECITAL ATTIRE

Students performing at a recital should wear clothes that are comfortable to perform in but still “dressed up”.

WYSO MUSIC MAKERS COMMUNICATION

WEEKLY NEWS

The Weekly News is the 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 or 608-960-9068.

WYSO AND WYSO MUSIC MAKERS OFFICE INFORMATION

For the Fall of 2023, WYSO offices will remain at a separate location from all other WYSO programming, but this is not the case for the Spring of 2024! Starting in January of 2024, the WYSO offices, Orchestra rehearsal, and Music Makers group classes will all be in our new building on East Washington Avenue.



Fall of 2023:

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: musickmakers@wysomusic.org

Website: www.wysomusickmakers.org

Spring of 2024:

The WYSO office and all WYSO Programming will be in the same building beginning in the Spring of 2024



WYSO's New Home:

WYSO Center for Music (WYSO CFM)
1118 East Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53703

General Email: musickmakers@wysomusic.org

Website: www.wysomusickmakers.org