



Elementary Music

N.C. Symphony Children's Concerts

Fourth Grade students are scheduled to attend a North Carolina Children's Concert as part of their studies in elementary music. Arts Education funds this trip and arranges the buses with Transportation Services. The concerts are scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. and will last approximately 55-60 minutes. Arts Education will notify individual schools of the scheduled date for their performance.

All concerts will take place at Meymandi Concert Hall at the Duke Performing Arts Center. Once your school has been notified with your concert date, please notify Arts Education if you have conflicts or large discrepancies in student numbers. We only need to be notified if your student numbers are >10 students. The assistant principal in your school should contact their Area Bus Supervisor about 2 weeks prior to your concert date to verify that buses have been scheduled.

The North Carolina Symphony schedules a teacher education workshop in early August of each year. The music and song selections/materials are discussed at this workshop. Workshop registration is required through the symphony office. Arts Education will fund this registration fee. Please contact the symphony directly to register. (You do not need to register with Arts Education.) The symphony will offer music teachers the opportunity to purchase symphony booklets and CD's for use in facilitating appropriate instruction. Your school or PTA will need to fund the purchase of these materials. (Website: <http://www.ncsymphony.org/education/index.cfm>) (Or contact N.C. Symphony Education Director at 919-789-5461)

We hope you and your students enjoy this wonderful opportunity. Appropriate concert manners are expected. In years past, it has been noticed that some students arrive in Meymandi Concert Hall with song sheets and reading books.

The N.C. Symphony policy strongly requests that students not bring extra materials to the symphony (i.e., no papers, no books, no food, no toys, etc.). This has been acting practice for WCPSS students for quite a few years now. (Several students and music teachers have expressed concern to us regarding improper concert manners.) Students should not bring reading material!!

After speaking with the Education Director of the N.C. Symphony, it is time to formally observe this policy. Hopefully, one outcome of the concerts is for students to experience proper concert etiquette. In the interest of all students enjoying the concert and using appropriate concert manners, please inform your students that extra materials are not permitted at the symphony concerts.

Thank you very much for your hard work with preparing the students for the valuable learning experience.

Note: For students that have special transportation needs (bus for handicapped students), please notify Michelle Pollard, Administrative Team Leader in the Transportation Office (856-2872) as soon as you realize that you have special transportation needs so that these needs can be scheduled promptly. Also, please have your assistant principal contact their Area Bus Supervisor at least 2-3 weeks prior to your concert date to confirm that a handicapped bus has been scheduled for your trip.