

Crescenta Valley High School
Visual and Performing Arts Department
Symphony Orchestra Supplement
2007-2008

Symphony Orchestra is a 1-year advanced class for the student who has had previous training in winds, strings, piano, or percussive instruments. This class develops the Visual and Performing Arts Standards by developing and expanding musical expression, orchestral music concepts, aesthetic judgments, connections in society, as well as providing a greater understanding of music from various classical periods, composers, and cultures.

Performance participation is a requirement of the class.

Symphony Orchestra performs at school, in the community, and at adjudicated festivals throughout the entire school year as well as the Spring Trip. Occasionally we will send small groups out into the community to perform. We will do our best to notify all students of non-scheduled events at least two weeks prior to the event. It is a requirement of ALL students to attend ALL performances since a successful performance depends upon every student participating.

Since Symphony Orchestra is an auditioned class, musical as well as personal maturity is highly stressed. We perform "A" level music and it is expected that every student take privately and practice outside of class in order to perform their part to the best of their ability.

It is a privilege to be a member of the Crescenta Valley High School Symphony Orchestra since it is one of the most accomplished groups on campus and represents the school at every performance.

Additional Symphony Orchestra Requirements

- Brass players must bring a cloth to class every day to place on the floor when emptying spit valves.
- Piano players will sometimes be required to learn and play percussion parts.
- Violins and violas are available for rent; however priority will be give to students who do not own their own.
- All bass, percussion and cello players who use a school instrument will be responsible for an "instrument usage fee" of \$45 a semester.
- Piano players will also be responsible for an "instrument usage fee" of \$30 a year.
- Each student should have extra supplies for their instruments (strings, reeds, rosin, etc.)
- Every student is required to participate in both Ensemble Concerts at CVHS.
- Every student will be required to do 2 class presentations a year and attend 1 classical concert each Semester.
- Violins will be separated into "Blue" and "White" sections. Each section will trade off on 1st and 2nd parts. I will hold auditions for concertmaster and 2nd violin section leader.

Symphonic Concert Attire

Guys will perform in Tuxedos and Girls black dresses for all formal concerts.
We recommend that Guys purchase "Tux outfits" at local department stores.

Congratulations to all of you who made the auditions. It was tough to keep the instrumentation as perfect as possible. As always, we have an enormous amount of potential this year and I have complete faith in all of our abilities to continue to be a Superior Orchestra.