

Crescenta Valley High School Visual and Performing Arts Department Symphony Orchestra Supplement 2017-2018

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 meets 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.

This group 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.

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 lessons privately and practice outside of class in order to come to class prepared 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.

Symphony Concert Attire

Guys will perform in Tuxedos. We recommend that Guys purchase "Tux outfits" which consists of a pleated tuxedo shirt, black bow tie and black cummerbund, which are worn with students own black suit coat, black dress slacks, black socks and black dress shoes (no black sneakers). The 'tux outfit' package may be purchased from a department store, or may be ordered through CVHS. Please see attached Size Sheet/Order Form.

Ladies will wear a uniform long black dress. Please see attached Size-Sheet/Order Form. We will measure for dresses in class.

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.
- 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 attend 1 classical concert each Semester and write a thoughtful 1 page analysis of what you observed and learned from the concert.
- Violins will be separated into "Blue" and "White" sections. Each section will alternate 1st and 2nd parts on each piece.
- If you want to use a school shoulder rest, one will be issued to you. There is a \$20 replacement cost if it is not returned at the end of the year.

Instruments

Instruments may be available for use; however priority will be given to students who do not own their own. Please consider making a voluntary contribution to help cover the costs of instrument maintenance, repair, and replacement. We suggest the following amounts for families who have students using school instruments who wish to make voluntary contributions:

Brass, Wind, or String Instrument - \$90 for the entire year (at the start of school), or \$50 per semester

Percussion - \$50 for the entire year (at the start of school), or \$30 per semester

Piano - \$30 year.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Most of the expenses that CV Instrumental Music Department incurs are NOT covered by the school or the District. To pay for all the important components of our Symphony class (Adjudicated Festivals, high level sheet music, transportation, etc) we rely almost exclusively on donations from parents and families, as well as from various fundraising events.

In order to continue the Symphony program at the current high level, we strongly encourage the families of Symphony students to make a voluntary contribution to the Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music Foundation!

CVIMF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation, so all contributions are tax-deductible.

Congratulations to all of you who made the auditions! It was challenging to keep the instrumentation balanced since we have so many talented musicians who attend CV. We have an enormous amount of talent and potential this year. I look forward to making music together!