

# St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association

## All-Suburban Orchestra Audition Information

September 1, 2009

TO: High School Orchestra Directors

FR: Joseph R. Gutowski – HS Orchestra Vice-President

RE: 2009-2010 All-Suburban Orchestra Auditions

Welcome back to a new school year! I am excited to be organizing the All-Suburban Honors Orchestra. This year we are fortunate to have Dr. Andrew Dabczynski as our guest conductor for the 2010 SLSMEA All-Suburban High School Honors Orchestra. Dr. Dabczynski is Professor of Music Education at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where he is also the director of the BYU “New Horizons Orchestra,” a beginning string orchestra for adults and laboratory for string teacher training. Dr. Dabczynski received a B.M. degree in applied viola performance from the Eastman School, and a M.A. from the University of Connecticut, serving there as violist in the graduate string quartet. He also holds a Ph.D. in Music Education from the University of Michigan. He appears frequently as a clinician for teachers and guest conductor for student ensembles throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Mexico. His numerous published arrangements and compositions for string and full orchestra are played regularly in concerts throughout the world.

The auditions, rehearsals, and performances will be at **Rockwood Summit High School**. Please take a moment to read the material below so that you are aware of the audition requirements as well as the rehearsal and concert dates and times. Students selected to the orchestra are required to attend all rehearsals (no partial rehearsals!), so it is important to avoid conflicts early. Alternates will replace students who miss any rehearsal. Please keep this in mind when auditioning: this is an honors group with only 3 rehearsals!

I look forward to seeing all of you at Rockwood Summit on November 2.

Sincerely,



Mr. Joseph R. Gutowski  
SLSMEA High School Orchestra Vice President

**Registration for high school district honor orchestra is online. Go to the SLSMEA website which is:**

**[www2.csd.org/slsmea](http://www2.csd.org/slsmea)**

**Find the High School Honor Orchestra page and click on the “Online Registration Link”**

**APPLICATION/REGISTRATION:**

- Registration for auditions will be done by you or your students online by going to the SLSMEA website. Fill out the online application and click “save record.” Students will receive a confirmation that their application has been received. It WILL NOT give them an audition time. Students will be assigned an audition time based on the order that they register. Audition times and room assignments will be EMAILED to directors the week of October 26.
- I will assign the audition times for your students and e-mail that schedule to the directors. If you have any students who need special time considerations, please email me. **My e-mail is:** [gutowskijoseph@rockwood.k12.mo.us](mailto:gutowskijoseph@rockwood.k12.mo.us)
- ***REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN Monday, October 5 at 6:00 a.m. REGISTRATION will conclude Friday, October 16 at MIDNIGHT.***
- For students auditioning for more than one instrument they will need to register separately for each instrument.
- The audition fee is \$10.00 per audition and you must pay for all students that have been registered. If you register 10 students and only 5 actually come on November 2, you will still owe \$100.00 for all that have registered. This is consistent with the state audition process.
- On November 2, directors/school representatives will need to check-in and pay the entire audition fee for their school based on the number of students who registered. **ONE CHECK SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO SLSMEA** and brought with you to the auditions. Schools that do not pay the night of the auditions will cause their students to be **NOT ACCEPTED** to the honor orchestra. Please, no purchase orders.
- Students will not be permitted to audition without an application on file.

**AUDITIONS – WHEN:**

Monday, November 2, 2009

*Violins start at 4:00 p.m. – Viola, Cello and Bass start at 4:30 p.m.!!!*

**AUDITIONS – WHERE:**

Rockwood Summit High School

1780 Hawkins Road

Fenton, MO 63026

636-891-6800

**AUDITIONS – MATERIALS:**

- Audition materials (scale/excerpt) posted on the SLSMEA website.
- **In addition each student will be required to play 90 seconds of a solo of their choice.**
- Auditions are blind; the judges will not see the students auditioning.

**REHEARSALS:**

- Friday, November 13, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Friday, January 8, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 9, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**CONCERT:**

Saturday, January 9, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. – Rockwood Summit High School Auditorium

*Concert Attire: Men – Black Tuxedo (or black suit), black socks, black dress shoes*

*Women – Black dress, skirt, or slacks (no jeans), black blouse (must have some sleeve), black socks or nylons, black dress shoes.*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- Violins will audition the excerpt and scale in one room and 90 seconds of a solo of their choice in another room. Violas, cellos and basses will play their entire audition in the same room.
- MSHSAA rules require a teacher representative from each school (not just school district) to be present at every audition, rehearsal, and performance or the student will not be permitted to perform!
- Directors are needed for judging or working in some fashion on the audition evening. We are using a new tabulation system which should save a lot of time and work, but we still need help with this. Since we all have to be there, we might as well stay busy so the evening goes by faster. If you would like to help please e-mail me: [gutowskijoseph@rockwood.k12.mo.us](mailto:gutowskijoseph@rockwood.k12.mo.us), or call me: 636-733-4100 ext. 44049.

Thank you,



Joseph R. Gutowski

SLSMEA High School Orchestra Vice President