



Mentorship Program

Mentors' Responsibilities

- 1) Mentors are accomplished classical musicians with a love of music and of interacting with and teaching young musicians.
- 2) Each mentor will have participated in and passed a background check for volunteers.
- 3) Mentors will serve as liaisons between student and conductor and rest of orchestra (students to channel questions through mentor).
- 4) Mentors will educate their student in the following topics:
 - a. Rehearsal etiquette
 - Arrive at rehearsal early - be in chair and ready to play at scheduled time
 - No talking except when needed to share appropriate information
 - When tuning wait for concert master to cue your section and listen to oboe for several seconds before tuning instrument
 - Stop playing as soon as conductor stops conducting
 - Stand partner tips: inside player turns pages and plays lower note when division is noted in music
 - While keeping eyes on conductor also watch and follow the musical style of playing of the concert master/section leader
 - Update music with correct bowings and other markings as indicated by conductor during rehearsals (i.e. changes in dynamics, playing styles, etc.)
 - b. Concert preparedness
 - Wear black; ladies to wear either a dress (below knee length) or pants
 - Where to meet and leave instrument case
 - Be in seat 10 minutes before concert and warm-up along with other musicians
 - Follow lead of concert master and stand: 1) when conductor enters stage at beginning of concert, and 2) at end of concert as indicated by conductor
 - Show appreciation of audiences applause by smiling, slight nod of head, etc.
 - Leave music on stand at end of concert
 - c. Professionalism
 - Maintain attentiveness during rehearsals/concerts
 - Handle mistakes and loss of place appropriately (i.e. avoid facial grimaces with mistakes, etc.)
 - Notify mentor if will miss rehearsal or not be playing the next concert
- 5) Mentors to assist students as necessary to facilitate the best performance possible (i.e. bowings, fingerings, suggesting which sections to focus on during practice, recommending youtube videos, etc.)