



Mentorship Program

We, members of the Paradise Symphony orchestra (PSO), have experienced the positive influence of older orchestra players who served as teachers, mentors, or role models during the early years of our playing careers. Out of gratitude and a desire to continue a legacy of mentorship, the PSO Mentoring Program began in 2014.

The PSO invites advanced student musicians of all ages to apply for the mentoring program. If accepted into the orchestra's mentoring program, the student will be mentored by PSO musicians who will help guide and teach them while giving them the opportunity to play and perform with an orchestra. Our orchestra mentors are accomplished classical musicians with a love of music and of interacting with and teaching young musicians. Each mentor has completed the necessary background check and training. One-on-one mentoring from members of the orchestra will cover topics ranging from concert preparation, to rehearsal etiquette, to professionalism, and more.

Students applying for the program must demonstrate the appropriate skill and maturity levels in order to audition. All applicants should be taking private lessons, as the mentoring process of the orchestra is not a substitute for private study. The student shall have a letter of referral from their teacher and/or teacher's signature on the application form. All applicants shall: 1) observe at least one PSO rehearsal to ensure that their expectations are realistic; 2) submit an application form for the mentoring program; and finally, 3) have an audition with the PSO concert master.

The PSO orchestra currently has openings in the Strings Section. Please contact Esther Tiedemann at sierra79vln@gmail.com or by calling (530) 327-8508 for more information on applying for this unique mentoring program.