

Festival Strings 2019

*an educational outreach program
sponsored by the Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra*

January 2019

To Festival Strings Alumni:

As a former member of the Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra Festival Strings, and a high school student in grades **9-12**, you are invited to apply to serve as a rehearsal assistant for this year's orchestra. All rehearsals and the concert will take place in **March 2019**. The conductor for Festival Strings 2019 is once again Todd Van Beveren. Mr. Van Beveren is the founder and artistic director of the Northern NJ Youth Orchestra. He also conducts the Montclair Chamber Ensemble and is the Orchestra Director at Columbia High School.

You probably remember from your own experience with Festival Strings that the success of this program depends on the help and support contributed by rehearsal assistants. Every year we are extremely grateful to those high school and college students who are willing to share their time and musical experience with younger students.

The responsibilities of a Rehearsal Assistant include:

- attending **ALL** Festival Strings rehearsals and the concert
- helping with tuning
- replacing broken strings
- circulating around a section to see which students need help
- offering encouragement to students who may never have played in a large group
- helping students make some new friends
- playing with the orchestra at the rehearsals and the concert

*****NEW DATES & LOCATION!!!!*****

Rehearsals at
OLD PARAMUS REFORMED CHURCH
660 E. Glen Ave., Ridgewood

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 4:30-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 4:30-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 4:30-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 14, 2019 4:30-8:00 p.m.

Dress rehearsal at
Benjamin Franklin Middle School, Ridgewood
Saturday, March 16, 2019 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Concert at Benjamin Franklin Middle School
Saturday, March 16, 2019 4 p.m.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact us by email through the Festival Strings website:
info@rsfestivalstrings.org. Thank you!

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Rehearsal Assistant Application

Name (please print) _____ Instrument _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

Years of Study _____ Years of Private Study _____

School Music Teacher _____ Private Study Teacher _____

Private Music Teacher Address

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

If I am selected, I agree to serve as a Rehearsal Assistant for the RSO Festival Strings. I understand that I am expected to attend ALL the rehearsals and the concert.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

As parent or legal guardian of the above student, I give my permission for him/her to participate as a rehearsal assistant in this activity. I recognize that the care and safety of my child's instrument is solely his/her responsibility. I understand that neither the Ridgewood Symphony, rehearsal/coaching session/performance hosts, nor individual teachers assume responsibility for accident or illness.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

There is no registration fee for rehearsal assistants.

Please fill out this application/permission form completely and send it by **Thursday, January 31, 2019** to:

RSO Festival Strings
P.O. Box 176
Ridgewood, NJ 07450