



January 13, 2023

Dear Principal and/or attendance office,

On behalf of the Louisville Youth Orchestra, I am seeking your support of LYO Symphony Orchestra students who will miss school hours on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 in order to participate in a special shared daytime dress rehearsal with the Louisville Orchestra. This is a kick-off event for the Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) 2023 Conference and a significant performance experience with professional musicians in the Louisville Orchestra. The details are below.

Kentucky Performing Arts and KMEA Present: “Gheens Great Expectations” Concert – a collaborative program including a side-by-side daytime rehearsal with the Louisville Orchestra and Louisville Youth Orchestra, as well as a side-by-side evening concert.

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Time: LYO Symphony Orchestra students must arrive **downtown by 9:30 AM**; LYO Symphony Orchestra rehearses with the Louisville Orchestra **10:00 AM through 12:30 PM** before dismissal for a late lunch.

Location: Whitney Hall, Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts (501 W Main Street, Louisville, KY)

Please note: some orchestra students might need to stay on site for All-State activities taking place on location that day. However, those are separate KMEA activities, and are not related to LYO activities.

This special rehearsal and concert on Wednesday, February 8 is part of a collaborative educational program through Kentucky Performing Arts, KMEA, the Gheens Foundation, and the Louisville Orchestra. It is an honor for LYO members to get to present music on stage with the Louisville Orchestra in a professional concert hall. Apart from the daytime dress rehearsal, the Gheens Great Expectations evening concert will take place at 6:30 PM, and is free and open to the public. Many music educators from around Kentucky will be in attendance.

We want to avoid students receiving an unexcused absence from their school as this activity is educational, professional, and community-oriented. **We are asking for your support in making this an excused absence for LYO Symphony Orchestra students, which would not affect student attendance records or the ability to make up missed work for those involved.** A roster of LYO musicians eligible for this concert is attached.

With Music Director Doug Elmore, the LYO has been on a mission to serve our students and community for 64 years. We are exceedingly proud to have students from your school participating in this performance and ask for your flexibility and understanding regarding this daytime LYO activity. We hope we can continue to create a positive learning experience for our members and work with school systems on this and future endeavors.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alissa Brody". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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LYO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON FEB 8, 2023

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>School (listed at the time of LYO audition)</u>
Paige Perry	Assumption High School
Alara Keeton	Atherton High School
Sydney Martin	Bluegrass Middle School
Lily Smith	Bullitt East High School
JonathanDevers	Central Hardin High School
Chipper Fellows	Charlestown High School
Chandler Wooton	Christian Academy of Louisville
Angelia Zhong	Eastern High School
Brooke Bryant	Floyd Central High School
Drew Goforth	Floyd Central High School
MatthewRoach	Floyd Central High School
Emma Rose	Floyd Central High School
Abby Wallace	Floyd Central High School
Michell Lynch	Grayson County High School
Natalie Sato	J Graham Brown School
Lucas Meyer	JCTC
Carson Vincent	Jeffersontown High School
Lilian Chung	Louisville Collegiate School
Samuel Rios	Louisville Collegiate School
Jeremy Ye	Louisville Collegiate School
Elena Dawson	Louisville Male High School
Nolan Turner	Louisville Male High School
Megumi Martin	Noe Middle School
Stone Daniel Donaldson	Noe Middle School
Colin Bouchard	North Oldham High School
Joe Maiocco	North Oldham High School
Levi Raver	North Oldham High School
Hannah Christensen	Oldham County High School
Emma Christensen	Oldham County High School
Joseph Dennis	Oldham County High School
Mae Holton	Oldham County High School
Jack Holton	Oldham County High School
Rory McIntyre	Oldham County High School
Jackson Willard	Oldham County High School
Keegan Coomer	YPAS
Sahil Egbert	YPAS
Carson Froedge	YPAS
Reice Hudson	YPAS
Zach Hutchinson	YPAS
Daniel May	YPAS
Aaron McFall	YPAS
Quinton Schwaniger	YPAS
Christopher Watson	YPAS
Trent Bowman	duPont Manual/YPAS
Lillian Rihn	duPont Manual/YPAS
Alexander Schardein	duPont Manual/YPAS
Gabrielle Beacham	duPont Manual High School
Julius Adams	duPont Manual High School
Isabella Edghill	duPont Manual High School
Hyun Kim	duPont Manual High School
JonathanMelton	duPont Manual High School
Aditya Pandey	duPont Manual High School
Ashley Park	duPont Manual High School
William Shavkey	duPont Manual High School
Sam Vittitow	duPont Manual High School
Rose Woodcock	duPont Manual High School
Vivian Zeru	duPont Manual High School