

Do I need to purchase concert tickets ?

- You WILL NEED tickets for all 3 concerts at the **Mesa Arts Center (MAC)**
- Your MYS member does NOT need a ticket (when seated with their ensemble)
- Tickets can be purchased ONLY through the MAC box office
- Box office phone (480) 644-6500 and website www.MesaArtsCenter.com
- All MAC tickets are \$8.50 (\$10 for mezzanine)
- Tickets will be available for sale starting the week following auditions
- The **Hilton Holiday Pops Concert** on December 1st is free (no ticket required)

Parents may videotape all MYS performances as long as it is not disruptive to those sitting around you. However, tri-pods, mono-pods, etc. are NOT allowed at the Mesa Arts Center per Fire Marshall regulations.

Mesa Arts Center (MAC):
1 E. Main Street in downtown Mesa

Concert dates: November 9, 2016
March 1, 2017 & May 2, 2017

Mesa Hilton:
1011 W. Holmes, Mesa

Holiday Pops Concert date:
December 1, 2016

MYS mailing address:
PO Box 41852, Mesa 85274-1852

MYS office location:
223 N. Morris, Mesa 85201
We are two doors north of the Mesa Violin Studios



MYS website:
www.azmys.org

E-mail us at:
office@azmys.org

Phone: (480) 456-9501 **Fax:** (480) 456-9502

Frequently Asked Questions 2016-2017



AUDITION RESULTS will be EMAILED to you by **MONDAY** the 22nd

Have you already received emails from us?
if NO - verify your email address before you leave !

Check your email **OFTEN** all season long for MYS updates & info
It's important we have a valid email for you.

- Updates/info is sent via email all season long - *add MYS to your "safe" list:* excdirector@azmys.org & office@azmys.org
- During the regular season, you will receive at least 1 email from us each week
- If you are not receiving regular emails from us, you need to let us know ASAP
- Check the MYS website **OFTEN** - www.azmys.org

PARENTS please note-

After 1st rehearsal (on Sept 7th/8th), check your child's music folder for:

- Retreat forms (Div 1 only)
- Calendar of Events
- Info about supporting MYS

DUE by the 2nd rehearsal (Sept 14th/15th):

- Online contract
- two-page Signature sheet/Parent checklist
- Signed & notarized retreat packet (Div 1 only)

If not completed *ON TIME*, your member cannot participate in chair auditions and will be placed last chair. *** NO EXCEPTIONS! ***

Please contact us with any questions.

What are the MYS office hours ?

- Typical hours are Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:30pm
- Best to call before coming to the office
- On rehearsal/concert days, we leave at NOON
- If you leave a message on the office phone after this time, we will NOT get it until the following work day

**** ALWAYS report absences to your Rehearsal Aide, NOT the MYS office ****

Each division will have a Rehearsal Aide that will be your main person of contact on rehearsal & concert days/evenings.

- This # will be given out at 1st or 2nd rehearsal
- Put this # in your cell phone

Will everyone who auditions be accepted ?

We do not have pre-determined numbers for our ensembles. Numbers are determined by the space available and instrumentation.

How and when will I be notified about the results of the auditions ?

- Via email by Monday, August 22nd
- Make sure we have your correct email address
- Have you already received our emails?
- If not, please verify your email address ASAP

If you do not receive your email by August 24th:

- Check the MYS website FIRST - www.azmys.org
- Then you may call our office at (480)456-9501 or send an email to office@azmys.org.

If accepted into MYS, your email will include:

- The ensemble/division you are in
- Rehearsal time and location, etc

Chair seating or section you are in (1st/2nd violin) is NOT included in the letter. You will find out at the first rehearsal. Do not call MYS for this information.



Is Division 1 the highest or lowest level ?

- MYS has five different orchestra levels and one Wind Ensemble (Band)
- Division 1 is the most advanced and is our full symphony orchestra (strings & winds)
- Divisions 2, 3, 4, & Debut are string orchestras
- Placement is determined strictly by audition (or teacher recommendation for Debut)

Having different levels allows us to perform music that is geared to a variety of playing levels.

Where and When are rehearsals ?

Divisions 1, 2, 3, Debut, Fiddlers, & Quartets:

- Thursdays at Mesa Community College
- Check your email regularly for any changes
- 1st rehearsal Thursday, Sept 8th

Normal rehearsal times are:

- Div 3 & Debut 4:45pm-6:15pm
- Div 2 & 1 4:45pm-6:45pm
- Fiddlers & Quartets 7:00pm-8:30pm

Division 4 & Wind Ensemble:

- Wednesdays at Mesa Community College
- Check your email regularly for any changes
- 1st rehearsal Wednesday, Sept 7th
- Normal rehearsal times 4:45pm-6:15pm

You will receive an information sheet with your acceptance email detailing the procedures to follow for the first rehearsal.

At the first rehearsal members will receive:

- A folder of music
- Rehearsal Schedule
- Info about supporting MYS
- Retreat packet (Div 1 only)

What about the MYS Fiddlers ?

- Division 1,2,& 3 members are eligible for Fiddlers
- Informational meeting at 1st rehearsal (Sept 8th) MCC @ 7:00pm
- ALL interested parents & members required to attend
- The Fiddlers fee is an additional \$170

★★ NEW for 2016-2017 ★★
Fiddlers open to Division 3 members!



What about volunteering ?

- MYS needs our parent volunteers
- Check online contract for opportunities
- Indicate on contract where you can assist

Parent Orientation Meeting:

*It will be held during your child's rehearsal
on the first rehearsal day (September 7th/8th)*

- ALL parents plan to attend
- At your rehearsal location (MCC)
- Meet the MYS staff, Board of Directors, and conductors.
- Learn more about MYS & we will answer all of your questions.

Photo/Audio Release and Membership Roster:

From time to time, photos and audio recordings are made during rehearsals and/or concerts for use in brochures, newspapers, the MYS website, etc. Since photos are recorded live during student activities, we can not single out individuals who may not wish to be photographed. Therefore, participation in any/all MYS activities includes a photo and audio release.

- We list all members' names in our concert programs
- We offer a Members List (including address, ph# & school) available by 3rd rehearsal on Sept 21st/22nd

We recognize that some parents may not want their child's address and/or phone number to be known to anyone other than family and friends.

Contact us **IMMEDIATELY** if:

- you do NOT wish your child's information to be included on any list shared within MYS
- you do NOT wish your child's name to be included in our concert programs

**** ALL information given to parents MUST BE held completely confidential! ****

Concert dress requirements:

In order to avoid any confusion, please review MYS requirements for MYS concert dress:

- MYS has a VERY STRICT dress code for concerts - READ ALL REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY
- NO ONE is allowed on stage at the concert without the required dress!
- There will be a concert dress check at the rehearsal on October 26th/27th

ALL members (*including* returning members) are REQUIRED to wear their entire concert outfit (this does include socks and belts!). They should plan on wearing the outfit for the entire rehearsal as there is little time and space available to change clothes

Detailed information can be found on the MYS website

- www.azmys.org - in the MYS Member Handbook