



MEMBER AND PARENT HANDBOOK 2016 – 17 SEASON

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Welcome to GBYO's 2016-17 Season!

Young people achieve amazing things at GBYO. They develop their talents beyond what they thought possible and feel pride and joy in their accomplishments. The study of great music in an ensemble setting can be a transformative experience for young musicians, and GBYO's mission is to provide that experience in a challenging, fun and nurturing environment.

Founded in 1961, Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestras offers one of the finest opportunities for young musicians in Connecticut. GBYO provides a developmentally sequential program of five ensembles plus a Jazz Ensemble: the Principal, Symphony, Concert, and String Orchestras, and the Wind Ensemble. A full range of professional education, coaching and conducting, by a staff of experienced conductors, all of whom are teachers, supports these ensembles. Through rehearsals and formal concert performances, GBYO's young musicians gain an appreciation for many types of music, valuable performing experience and an important sense of achievement.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Principal Orchestra	\$755
Symphony Orchestra	\$635
Concert Orchestra	\$635
String Orchestra	\$540
Wind Ensemble	\$540
Jazz Ensemble	\$330
Snack Fee	\$25
Retreat Fee	\$22 or \$65

Membership includes two adult concert series tickets per family. Each sibling receives a \$100 reduction in fee.

Payment is due at first rehearsal.

No qualified student is turned away because of inability to pay. Financial aid forms are available on the GBYO website. If financial assistance is requested, a completed form, most recent tax return and \$25 are due at first rehearsal. Awards are based on the income levels associated with the National School Lunch Program.

You may pay by credit card as long as full payment is made at first rehearsal. A \$15 fee is charged for this convenience.

You may also pay in three installments. This plan includes a processing charge of \$10 (\$5 for each of 2nd and 3rd payments). In order for students to receive their music and be seated in their respective orchestras, the first payment must be received at the first rehearsal. The second payment is due October 15 and the third payment is due November 12. All membership fees must be paid in full prior to the Fall Concert or the student will not be permitted to perform at the Fall Concert.

Members who withdraw before October 1 of any season will have their membership fee, minus a \$25 handling fee, refunded upon request. Members who withdraw or become ineligible to participate in GBYO on or after October 1, will not receive a refund.

GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

GOOD STANDING

GBYO expects its members to remain in good standing as participants in their respective school instrumental music programs, where they exist. "Good standing" is determined by the school program. Conflicts between school music activities and those of GBYO should be brought to the conductors' attention as soon as possible.

ATTENDANCE

GBYO members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances that are published in the GBYO calendar. If an orchestra member must miss a rehearsal, the ensemble conductor must be notified in advance if possible. Contact information is at the end of this handbook.

Excessive absences by a student will result in the player's exclusion from the concert performance. Attendance at dress rehearsals is mandatory. A student who is absent from the dress rehearsal may not be allowed to perform in the concert.

Each player in an orchestra is important. There are only a few acceptable reasons for missing a performance. A student who misses a concert may be dropped from the orchestra or may be moved back in the section. The consequences of excessive absences and/or missed dress rehearsals/concerts are at the discretion of the member's conductor in consultation with the Music Director.

GBYO makes every effort to avoid conflicts when the GBYO calendar is formulated. We plan around national tests, school vacations, religious holidays, CMEA auditions and festivals, and the Fairfield County String Festival.

TARDINESS

GBYO members are expected to be in their assigned seats with their instruments tuned and ready to play at the scheduled beginning of rehearsal. If the rehearsal begins at 9:00 am and the member arrives in the building at 9:00 am, the member is LATE! Three late arrivals constitute an absence. Conductors have the discretion to change seating or dismiss members who are perpetually late.

CELL PHONE USAGE

GBYO members are allowed to use cell phones only during rehearsal refreshment breaks or with the expressed permission of a GBYO staff member. Any member who abuses this privilege may expect to have the cell phone confiscated until the completion of the rehearsal or performance. Members who repeatedly violate the policy may be dismissed from GBYO.

Students may bring cell phones to rehearsals, but the phone must be left in the student's instrument case during rehearsals and sectionals. Students found to have cell phones on them during rehearsals will get one warning. They will be asked to put the phone in their case. If students are found to have their cell phone a second time, the phone will be confiscated and will not be returned directly to the student. Only a parent will be able to retrieve the phone.

Exceptions will be made for students who use their cell phone to monitor a medical condition. A signed note from a parent will be required.

Students will be allowed to check their phones during break, but we will encourage them to leave their phones in their case while in the snack area. We want our students to be social, not staring at their phones.

In the event of an emergency requiring you to get in touch with your child immediately, you may call or text Mrs. Ulman (203-209-4255), or your child's conductor, and we will relay your message and have your child contact you.

PERSONAL BEHAVIOR

GBYO members are expected to maintain a personal standard of character and conduct which will be a credit to themselves, their parents, schools, and communities. Students are expected to preserve and contribute to the wholesome atmosphere of devoted work and serious performance which distinguishes GBYO. GBYO members whose personal behavior at any level brings discredit to the organization may be subject to disciplinary action.

CONCERT ATTIRE

Gentlemen: White long-sleeved dress shirt, black trousers (no jeans), black bow tie, black shoes and socks.
Principal Orchestra only: Add black jacket.

Ladies: White long-sleeved blouse (tucked in or hip-length), long black skirt or black dress slacks (no jeans, leggings, etc.), dress black shoes. Principal Orchestra only: All black.

MUSIC POLICY

All music and folders are the property of GBYO and are maintained in a library for continuing use. At the first rehearsal, each orchestra member is issued a folder containing music. The number on each piece of music should match the folder number. GBYO music should remain in the GBYO folder at all times, and it should not be folded or wrinkled. Any marks on the music must be made in pencil. It is the orchestra member's responsibility to maintain the music in good condition. Students who do not return the folder or music at the end of the year will be charged up to \$50 for replacement.

PROPERTY

GBYO strives to operate in a safe and effective manner and to be a responsible tenant at rented facilities. All members, families, employees and volunteers are expected to observe safety rules and show respect for the building, its occupants, and its equipment.

REHEARSAL CHANGES/CANCELLATIONS

GBYO makes every effort to maintain the schedule and calendar distributed at the beginning of the season. However, unforeseen events can cause disruptions. In the event of weather complications, please know that we value members' safety above all else. If you think that rehearsal may be cancelled because of weather, check your email, the GBYO website (www.gbyo.org) and GBYO Facebook page after 7:00 am. Decisions regarding cancellations/delays are generally made by that hour. You will be emailed regarding any change, providing GBYO has your correct email address. Because GBYO draws from a wide geographic area, the weather may not be the same throughout. Should rehearsal be held and you think that the weather in your area compromises your safety, please let your conductor know that you are not coming.

Rehearsal changes that can be anticipated will be announced as early as possible. Written notices may be given to members at rehearsal (check music folders regularly); changes will be posted on the website and members will be emailed.

RETREATS

GBYO provides each ensemble with an annual retreat or social activity early in the season. Just as with regular rehearsals, attendance is mandatory. The purpose of the retreats is two-fold: A period of intense rehearsals, coupled with recreational activities, immensely improves the quality of the musical performances during the season. The social activities and rest periods give students the opportunity to get to know each other and bond into a cohesive group with common interests and goals. Retreats are held off-site so that they feel special. Retreat Permission Slips and Waivers must be submitted in order for musicians to participate.

COMMUNICATION

Most communication from GBYO to families is by email. Be sure you provide up-to-date, accurate email addresses. If you are not receiving at least one email per week from GBYO, then you may not be on the list or there may be an error with your email address. If that's the case, contact Beth at gbyo@gbyo.org or call (203) 293-8447.

The website, www.gbyo.org, is the other most important form of communication. Before asking staff or conductors, please check the website. Your question may easily be answered from the extensive information available there. Information such as the calendar, concert schedule, important forms, policies, and more can be found on the website. Other communication is done at the three parent meetings per season or at concerts.

THE ENSEMBLES

THE PRINCIPAL ORCHESTRA

The Principal Orchestra is one of the most acclaimed youth ensembles in the region. The caliber of its members is affirmed by the students' selection for participation in the All-State and All-New England Music Festivals. The Principal Orchestra plays the world's great symphonic literature at a professional level of performance and musicianship. Principal was invited to play a concert at Carnegie Hall in December 2014.

THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Symphony Orchestra made its debut in the 1997-98 season. Due to the number of students who auditioned and the high caliber of performance, the Symphony Orchestra was created to provide an opportunity for advanced players to continue to develop musically prior to moving into the Principal Orchestra.

THE CONCERT ORCHESTRA

The Concert Orchestra accommodates musicians who demonstrate strong interest in a youth symphony, but who may not have much ensemble experience. The Concert Orchestra provides its musicians with the opportunity to perform at a high level while gaining valuable full orchestra experience and training prior to entering the Symphony Orchestra.

THE STRING ORCHESTRA

The String Orchestra serves the needs of young string players by providing fundamental ensemble experience and a more individual relationship with the conductor and coaches.

THE WIND ENSEMBLE

The Wind Ensemble serves young wind, brass and percussion players by providing fundamental experience focused on acquiring the skills to participate in a full orchestra.

THE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The Jazz Ensemble provides a different learning experience for its participating students. GBYO jazz musicians perform many pieces from the standard jazz repertoire, learn and practice the many facets of jazz improvisation, and perform at GBYO concerts and other venues.

THE CONDUCTORS

CHRISTOPHER HISEY—MUSIC DIRECTOR & PRINCIPAL ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR

Christopher Hisey is one of Connecticut's leading young conductors. Formerly a GBYO member, Strings Coach and Symphony Orchestra Conductor, Mr. Hisey is in his ninth season as GBYO's Music Director and Principal Orchestra Conductor. He has conducted throughout the United States, Europe and in Mexico. He made his international debut with the Philharmonic Orchestra in Ruse, Bulgaria. He has also made appearances with the Pleven Philharmonic in Bulgaria and the St. Petersburg "Klassika" Symphony, formerly the Leningrad State Philharmonic. Mr. Hisey stepped in for Gustav Meier, on very short notice, to conduct the Greater Bridgeport Symphony. Since then, Mr. Hisey has conducted several performances with the Greater Bridgeport Symphony, including a Holiday Pops concert and a Side by Side performance with GBYO.

Mr. Hisey also serves as the Music Director/Conductor of the American Chamber Orchestra, an ensemble he co-founded in 2003, as well as Music Director of the Civic Orchestra of New Haven. Mr. Hisey has been the Music Director/Conductor of the Connecticut Valley Chamber Orchestra and Troupers Light Opera. He is a respected and sought after music educator who serves as the Director of Orchestras at Greens Farms Academy, and he has served on the Conducting and String faculties of Manhattanville College, Fairfield University and the Westport School of Music. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Christopher received a bachelor's degree in viola performance, studying with James Dunham, violist of the Cleveland Quartet. He went on to receive a Master of Music from Bowling Green State University where he served as Associate Conductor of the Bowling Green Philharmonia and Opera Theatre Orchestra, studying with Dr. Emily Freeman Brown.

CARRIE MASCARO—SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR

After conducting GBYO String Orchestra for eight seasons, Carrie Mascaro is now in her fifth year as Conductor of the Symphony Orchestra. Throughout her tenure in Westport Schools, Ms. Mascaro has held a variety of positions at the high school and middle school levels and has been Coordinator and Supervisor of the K-12 music program. Currently, Ms. Mascaro is the freshman orchestra director and conductor of the All-City Orchestra and she teaches lessons at Staples High School. A graduate of Ithaca College, Ms. Mascaro received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and Performance and a Master's Degree in Viola Performance. Since coming to Connecticut, Ms. Mascaro received a 6th Year Diploma in Educational Leadership. Ms. Mascaro is a founding member of the Fairfield String Quartet. She has performed with the Norwalk and Ridgefield Symphony Orchestras.

ERICA MESSINA—CONCERT ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR

Erica Messina earned her Bachelor's Degree from the Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music, and a Master's Degree in Music Education from the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College/CUNY.

Mrs. Messina began playing violin in elementary school, but in college discovered a new passion for viola. She had the opportunity to study viola with Patinka Kopec, Naoko Tanaka, and Katherine Greene. Mrs. Messina taught music in the New York City Public School system, and played violin and viola in various musical groups around the city. For three years she served as principal viola for the Brooklyn Camerata Chamber Orchestra, which performed in various venues around New York, such as Bargemusic and the Brooklyn Museum.

Mrs. Messina, and her family, moved to Connecticut in 1997, and she has been a member of the Westport Public Schools music faculty since 1998. She has taught on the elementary, middle, and high school levels, and is currently the orchestra director at Saugatuck Elementary School in Westport, where she regularly has between 120 and 140 fourth and fifth graders in her orchestra program each year.

From 2007-2009, Mrs. Messina served as conductor of the Prelude Orchestra for the Norwalk Youth Symphony. Currently, Mrs. Messina is in her 7th season with the Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestras, where she conducts the Concert Orchestra. She travelled with GBYO to Italy this past summer, Germany and Austria in 2012, and to China in 2014 where she served as assistant conductor. In addition to all her teaching responsibilities, she plays viola with the American Chamber Orchestra and the Civic Orchestra of New Haven.

AARON LOFARO—STRING ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR

Aaron Lofaro started playing the violin in the public school system in Briarcliff Manor, NY and has been teaching orchestra and violin for over 15 years at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Mr. Lofaro is the orchestra director at Central Middle School in Greenwich, CT and teaches violin lessons at the Suzuki Music School of Westport. He holds a Bachelor of Music from Roberts Wesleyan College and a Masters in Music Education from Western Connecticut State University. Mr. Lofaro currently freelances as a violinist in southwestern Connecticut and performs with the American Chamber Orchestra.

BRIAN MILLER—WIND ENSEMBLE CONDUCTOR

Brian Miller is the Wind Ensemble Conductor for the Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestras and also teaches at King School in Stamford, Connecticut. After earning his Master's degree in Trumpet Performance from the University of Michigan, Brian spent 8 years teaching and performing in Atlanta, where he was one of the most sought after trumpet and brass instructors in the area. Outside of his duties at King, Brian is on the marching band staff at Arlington High School, and was the 2013 Honor Band of America Trumpet Judge and Band Manager. He has previously worked for: Kennesaw State University, Grand Valley State University, Goshen College, the Interlochen Arts Academy Michigan All State Program, the Debut Orchestra of Los Angeles Summer Program, the Royal Oman Symphony Orchestra, and the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra of Atlanta. Locally, Brian has performed with the East Connecticut Symphony Orchestra, Ridgefield Symphony, and Waterbury Symphony.

DR. REX CADWALLADER - JAZZ ENSEMBLE DIRECTOR

Currently Chairman of the Performing Arts Department at Greens Farms Academy in Westport, Connecticut, Dr. Cadwallader has served as Assistant Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Texas in Arlington and Associate Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Northern Colorado. He has taught at the Royal Academy of Music in London, England, Marlborough College in Marlborough, England, Southern Connecticut State University, and the Neighborhood Music School in New Haven, where he continues to teach jazz piano and lead the NMS Big Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble. He received his Doctor of Arts Degree in Composition and Music Theory from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, and his Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music in Composition degrees from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Dr. Cadwallader has played with such jazz luminaries as Rufus Reid, Bob Mintzer, Eddie Daniels, Ed Shaunessey, Bill Watrous, Don Menza, Clark Terry, Ali Ryerson, Joe Beck, Giacomo Gates, and many others. Rex appears as performer or composer on over twenty-five albums including his most recent cds, "Quicker Than The Eye," with bassist Mike Asetta and drummer Artie Dixson, "Broadway – West Side Story," with flutist Ali Ryerson, bassist Mike Asetta and drummer Artie Dixson, and "The Art Of Trio," with bassist David Chevan. The cd, "Repartee," also with David Chevan was released in January 2000. A cd of original contemporary jazz with drummer Rich MacDonald entitled "The Cadwallader/MacDonald Project – YOUR SMILE" was released in 1998 on Jaybird Records. Two other recordings, "Christmas In The Neighborhood" with bassist Mike Asetta, and "In A Mellow Tone," a tribute to the music of Duke Ellington with bassist David Chevan and drummer Jesse Hameen II, were released in 2002 and 2003 respectively.

HOW CAN I HELP GBYO?

GBYO has many volunteer opportunities for families of members, and in fact could not function without volunteers. Please consider getting involved! To volunteer, talk to any Board member or email Beth at gbyo@gbyo.org. A Volunteer Interest form is included in this packet. Please let us know how you can help.

CONCERTS

The Concert Committee organizes, sells and distributes concert tickets for all of the GBYO concerts, including managing the box office and Will Call on concert days. This committee also sells flowers and apparel at concerts.

CONTRIBUTIONS & ADVERTISING

Ads and “shout-outs” to musicians are sold and printed in all three concert program booklets. These ads provide another source of income for the organization. If you own your own business, consider advertising in the programs which reach about 1,200 people each concert. Or ask stores or businesses that you frequent to purchase an ad. You’d be surprised at how easy it is!

Personal donations are always welcome and also acknowledged in the program booklets. The Internal Revenue Service recognizes GBYO as a 501(c)(3) organization, and all donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Please check with your employer about matching contributions. GBYO also participates in the online Fairfield County Giving Day each year in March. Give by Sept. 30 to appear in the Fall Concert program book.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

GBYO generally undertakes one to two major fundraising activities each season. *A chairperson and numerous volunteers are need for each.* These organized fundraising activities provide additional program support funds. Planned fundraisers for the 2016-17 season include wrapping gifts and performing at Barnes & Noble and the Donnelly Dash Community Challenge. GBYO also sells apparel throughout the year and flowers at concerts. Other ideas are welcome.

GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIPS

GBYO actively pursues corporate grants and sponsorships. We are most grateful that the Stratford Masonic Fraternity has underwritten a large portion of our Winter Concert for many years. Concert sponsorship for the Fall and Spring concerts is needed. Other major contributors include Carstensen Foundation, Jones Foundation, County Assemblies, and the Connecticut Office of the Arts, Dept. of Economic and Community Development. If you are aware of other companies or foundations which might grant funds to GBYO, please email Beth at gbyo@gbyo.org, call our voicemail at 203-293-8447, or mention it to any Board member.

OPEN REHEARSAL

GBYO will hold two Open Rehearsals this year for interested students, parents and teachers, one in October and another in April. Attendees can observe all the ensembles in rehearsal, learn more about the organization and obtain audition information. Volunteers are always needed to give “tours” and answer questions. Refreshments are provided as well.

REHEARSAL REFRESHMENTS

Volunteers are needed each rehearsal week to serve snacks. It’s a great way to get to know GBYO and other families. Please remember to sign up at least once during the year!

STUDENT SOUNDING BOARD

The Student Sounding Board provides a forum for student members to contribute their voices to GBYO. The Sounding Board runs activities such as the Holiday Party and projects such as the Yearbook and provides valuable feedback to the Conductors, Executive Director, and Board of Directors. Students who are interested in participating in Sounding Board should email Sudha Veeraraghav at director4@gbyo.org.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors, with the support of parent volunteers, manages the affairs of GBYO. The Board consists of officers and directors elected by GBYO parents. Fundraising, hospitality and community-building, and policy-setting are just a few of the many areas in which the Board provides valuable leadership. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member, contact Katie Noonan at president@gbyo.org.

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2016-17 CALENDAR

The full calendar in a downloadable PDF format is available on the website. Please put all the dates into your personal calendars. If a change is made to the schedule, it will be announced by email and posted under the Calendar tab on the website, and a new calendar will be posted. We make every effort to avoid changes but sometimes they are unavoidable.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE– Ensembles meet at different times. Be sure to drop your musician off at least 15 minutes prior to the start of rehearsal.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

String Orchestra	9 am – 11 am
Symphony Orchestra	9 am – 11:30 am
Concert Orchestra	9:15 am – 11:45 am
Principal Orchestra	9 am – 12 pm
Wind Ensemble	9 am – 11am
Jazz Ensemble	12:30 pm – 2pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

String Orchestra + Wind Ensemble	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
All Other Ensembles	1:30 pm – 4 pm

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestras
2016-17 Calendar as of 9/5/16 (subject to change)

SEPTEMBER 2016	OCTOBER 2016
10 - OPENING DAY! Rehearsal for all! Also: REGISTRATION; PARENT MEETING 9:30 am	1 - Rehearsal (SAT)
17- Rehearsal; Symphony Retreat 8am-8pm	8 - <i>Holiday Weekend - No Rehearsal</i>
24 - Rehearsal; Concert/String/Wind "Retreat" Activity 5:15-7:30 pm	15- Rehearsal; Principal Retreat 8am-8pm
	22 - Rehearsal (ACT)
	23 - Meet the Conductors, 4:30 pm
NOVEMBER 2016	29 - Rehearsal; FALL OPEN REHEARSAL
5- Rehearsal (SAT)	
9 - Concerto Competition Round 1, 7pm	DECEMBER 2016
12 - Fall Concert Rehearsal @ Klein; Yearbook & Individual Photo Day	3 - Rehearsal (MS regional auditions & SAT)
13 - FALL CONCERT @ Klein	10 - Rehearsal (ACT)
19 - Western Regional Auditions (No Sat. rehearsal)	14 & 16 - La Boheme Rehearsal-Principal only-The Klein - 5 pm (time subject to change)
20 - Sunday Rehearsal	17 - Regular Rehearsal; Holiday Party
26- <i>Holiday Weekend - No Rehearsal</i>	17- La Boheme Concert with Greater Bridgeport Symphony-Principal-The Klein 8 pm
JANUARY 2017	18 - Barnes & Noble fundraiser 10 am-3 pm
7 - Rehearsal; PARENT MEETING; SUMMER MUSIC SHOWCASE	24- <i>Holiday Weekend - No Rehearsal</i>
7 - Concerto Competition Finals, 2 pm	31- <i>Holiday Weekend - No Rehearsal</i>
14 - Western Regional Festival (No Sat. rehearsal)	FEBRUARY 2017
15 - Sunday Rehearsal	4 - Rehearsal
21 - Rehearsal (SAT)	11 - Rehearsal (ACT)
28 - Rehearsal	18 - <i>Winter Break - No Rehearsal</i>
	25 - Rehearsal
MARCH 2017	APRIL 2017
4 - Winter Concert Rehearsal @ Klein	1 - Rehearsal
5 - WINTER CONCERT @ Klein	8 - Rehearsal (ACT) - beginning of Spring Break
9 - Fairfield County GIVING DAY	9 - DONNELLY DASH COMMUNITY CHALLENGE
11 - Rehearsal (SAT)	15 - <i>Spring Break/Easter - No Rehearsal</i>
18 - Rehearsal (MS Western Regional Festival)	22 - Rehearsal; OPEN REHEARSAL; Earth Day Concert-Concert Orchestra- 1 pm
25 - Rehearsal	29 - Ffld County String Festival (No Sat. rehearsal)
MAY 2017	30 - Sunday Rehearsal
6 - Rehearsal (SAT)	
13 - Rehearsal; PARENT MEETING	JUNE 2017
20 - Spring Concert Rehearsal @ Klein	3 - Pequot Lawn Concert-String/Wind/Jazz/Symphony (SAT)