

The Inaugural Idaho Elementary Orff-Schulwerk Honor Orff Ensemble Information



Dear Elementary Music Teachers,

An amazing musical opportunity for our students and their families will be occurring for the very first time in Idaho January 29th-February 1st, 2020, and only the second time in the entire United States. The Idaho Orff-Schulwerk Board is proud to sponsor The Inaugural Idaho Honor Orff Ensemble in conjunction with the 2020 Idaho Music Educators Association (IMEA) All-State Conference at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho. This is a unique opportunity to rehearse and perform with nationally recognized clinician and AOSA president Lisa Hewitt while meeting and making memories with peers from across the state of Idaho.

What is an Honor Orff Ensemble?

Orff Ensembles include singing, movement, recorders, drums, and barred instruments.

Elementary School Grade Requirements

Elementary Honor Orff Ensemble applicants must be students enrolled in 4th-6th grade. Students participating are recommended by their music teacher.

Recommendation Procedures

There are NO auditions for the Elementary Honor Orff Ensemble. Rather, teachers from each school may recommend up to 10 students in rank order. (a maximum of six students will be taken from any one school unless our ensemble is not full). Requirements for recommended students:

- Sing on pitch
- Ability to hold a vocal and an instrumental ostinato part
- Comfort with expressive movement
- Rhythmic stability
- Able to work positively in a small group
- Trustworthy behavior

Teacher Requirements

- Teachers must be a current member of either IMEA (Idaho Music Educators Association) or AOSA (American Orff Schulwerk Association, IOSA membership alone does not suffice)
- Teachers must be willing to help their students rehearse their parts and answer questions they may have about their parts and ensure that their information is returned in a timely manner.
- Remind parents to accompany their child at all times outside of rehearsals.
- Encourage parents to chaperone rehearsals.

Expense

Upon acceptance, students need to pay \$155 total- **Non-refundable** by November 22, 2019.

This expense covers two full days of high-quality rehearsal with a nationally recognized conductor and the opportunity to perform with other exceptional musicians, accompanist, sheet music, rehearsal recordings, lunches, snacks and a T-shirt.



Notification of Placement in Honor Ensemble

- After teachers send in their recommendations sheets for their 10 ranked students, teachers will be notified via email of their student's acceptance by October 25. Teachers then will notify the parents. At this point, the family will need to confirm their child's participation by filling out a separate information survey as well as paying the \$155 fee before November 22.
- A student ranked by the teacher in 7-10th place may be requested to attend the conference in the event that one of the original six is unable to attend or if students are needed to fill holes from other schools.

Timeline

Registrations opens- August 12, 2019

Teacher Recommendation Sheets Due – October 14, 2019

Notification of Placement in Honor Orff Ensemble – October 25, 2019

Fees due November 22, 2019

Music and Class lesson plans will be mailed on or before December 6, 2019

Check-in, rehearsals and performances- January 29 through February 1, 2020

Students need to be on campus at NNU for rehearsal **all day on Thursday Jan. 30, & Friday Jan 31, 9am – 4 pm**. Saturday, February 1, will be the culminating performance mid-day on campus at NNU (**missing school for 2 days**).

Students will be given music and recordings and will need to rehearse on their own daily Dec - Jan. All students will need to have musical parts memorized before the event. This is a commitment on their part that is very important.

Sincerely,

Idaho Orff-Schulwerk Board