

To: The North Port City Commissioner

From: The North Port Symphony
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Re: Music Suite Use Agreement Annual Report

The NPS is a volunteer, not for profit community orchestra that performs five concerts per season at the Performing Arts Center on the North Port High School campus. Under the direction of our musical director, Robert Romanski, and our Board of Directors, the symphony has performed for a large number of patrons this season. We are comprised of approximately seventy musicians who travel from as far south as Punta Gorda and as far north as Tampa to perform with us each season.

During the 2018-19 season the orchestra performed before an approximate total audience of 5,000 patrons.

Preparation for Concerts:

Our librarian and her assistants work approximately 160 hours for the season researching music, going through our library, preparing individual music folders for each musician, and restocking music at the completion of each concert. The orchestra room must be reset each week for our Saturday rehearsals since the suite is shared by two other performing groups. We also have a cleaning person who spends several hours each month working on the suite.

Symphony Rehearsals:

The orchestra rehearses each week on Saturday mornings. The conductor, concert master and Board members arrive early to get things organized for the practice. Rehearsals begin promptly at 9:30 am and end at noon. During the course of the season, depending upon the challenging nature of the music, rehearsal might begin as early as 9:00am. Sometimes we have sectional rehearsals afterwards until 1:00pm. On average 150 hours are spent for rehearsals.

Office Use:

On occasion Board Members meet prior to rehearsals in the office to discuss issues that cannot wait until our monthly meetings. Also, time is spent using the copy machine and computer. On average, 25 hours per season.

Board Meetings:

The Symphony has one meeting per month, usually the 2nd Saturday of the month, immediately following our rehearsal. Each meeting last on average 90 minutes for an approximate 12 hours a season.

Stage Manager

Our stage manager arrives every concert (5) approximately two hours before our sound check rehearsal to set up the stage. 10 hours

TOTAL HOURS OF USE THIS SEASON: 357

Sincerely,

Laurie Brenenstuhl

Director of Personnel
North Port Symphony

To: The North Port City Commissioners
From: The North Port Concert Band *Yue*
Re: 2018-19 Music Suite Use Agreement Annual Report

The North Port Concert Band is a volunteer, not for profit musical group performing six concerts per season at the Performing Arts Center located on the NP High School Campus. The band is under the direction of a conductor and the board of directors. This season, the band has been led by guest conductors as the search for a permanent conductor has been on going. We have approximately 80-90 musicians performing with the North Port Band. Some of these band members travel from Fort Myers to St. Petersburg to perform with the band and we do have musicians currently on a wait list to fill any openings that may occur throughout the season. We also have high school students who have played with the band this year and enjoy the experience of performing and learning from older, more experienced musicians. The band is also proud of the guest soloists we partner with to present outstanding concerts all season long.

During the 2018-19 concert season the band performed before nearly 6,000 audience members.

SCHOLARSHIPS The Concert Band awards scholarships to high school students who pursue a career in music. Students must maintain "B" or better grades each marking period to continue receiving their scholarship funds. Each student is eligible to receive \$1,000.00 each year for four years. This season we will have awarded \$4,000.00 in scholarships.

PREPARATION FOR CONCERTS INCLUDES:

The Band librarian works approximately **345 hours** throughout the season completing many duties in preparation for each rehearsal and concert. These duties include **pulling the selected music pieces from the library files, sorting and copying all of the necessary parts, preparing the individual music folders for each musician, and re-filing all of the music after each concert.** The librarian is also responsible during the off season (summer months) to update the music library and the computerized music inventory list. It is possible, the numbers should be higher due to the needs of our guest conductors this season. The librarian has made himself available for all of them.

ROOM PREPARATION FOR REHEARSALS

Since the music suite is shared by all three performing groups, it is necessary to reset the room for the band rehearsal by resetting the chairs. **32 hours per season.**

BAND REHEARSALS:

The band rehearses each week on Thursday evenings. The conductor, board members, and volunteers arrive early to set up the music stands, percussion equipment, and the PA system. Smaller groups or guest soloists also arrive early to rehearse when necessary. Regular rehearsals are held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monthly board meetings are also held in the music suite after rehearsals have ended. Rehearsal and meeting time amounts to **190 hours including the concerts.**

There are at least **35 additional hours** spent in the suite doing incidental projects related to concert preparation.

TOTAL HOURS OF USE FOR THE CONCERT BAND THIS SEASON: 602

The Band is a member of the Association of Concert Bands and through that membership, we have a blanket performance license with ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Arrangers, & Publishers) and BMI Broadcast Music International. We are also members of the North Port Chamber of Commerce.

We are proud to say that the band has a website that is linked to the City of North Port's site showcasing Arts and Entertainment in the North Port area. Our patrons have the option of ordering and printing their tickets on line. Since the box office is only open for 3 hours daily, M-F, it is a convenience to North Port and the surrounding communities who patronize the PAC and the musical presentations offered.

March 19, 2019

To: The North Port Commissioners

From: The North Port Chorale
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Re: Music Suite Use Agreement Annual Report

The North Port Chorale is a volunteer, not for profit, group performing three concerts per season at the Performing Arts Center on the high school campus. Under the direction of our Director and our Board of Directors, the Chorale has performed before a record number of patrons this year. At our peak season, the Chorale has around 75-85 singers who are from Northport, Englewood and Venice areas.

During the 2018-2019 Season, the Chorale performed before a total audience of approximately 1800, averaging 600 per concert.

Preparation for concerts include: The librarian's work approximately 85 hours for the concert season, pulling music from the library, preparing individual music folders for each singer, refiling music after each concert and updating our computerized inventory list.

Chorale rehearsals are each week on Monday evenings from 6:30pm - 9:00pm. Actual hours for rehearsals, plus 1 extra Tuesday night rehearsal approximately 80-90 hours including tech rehearsal and time spent on performance nights.

Auditions for soloist require 6 hours, with an extra 8 hours of rehearsals with soloists. Librarian, Membership person, and setup committee arrive at 5:00pm and stay until 9:30pm to put everything away and lock-up. This is about 78 hours per season.

Board Meetings: The Chorale has one meeting per month in the music suite which runs an average of two hours for a total of 18 hours per season and an additional workshop for 2-3 hours.

The President and any other volunteers that are available spend additional time in the Music Suite to organize the music storage area allotted to the Chorale. This has to be done though-out the season to keep everything in its place and the wardrobe inventoried.

Total hours for the Chorale this season: 280 hours.

Society of the North Port Performing Arts

March 18, 2019 - Report of Hours in the Music suite

From : Helen Marchese - President

Jan thru Nov 2018 22 hours

Jan thru Feb 2019 4 hours

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Total 24 hours

No longer using music suite for meetings



President