

To: The North Port City Commissioner

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Re: Music Suite Use Agreement Annual Report

The North Port Symphony 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 as Punta Gorda and Bradenton to perform with us each season.

During the 2014-2015 season the orchestra performed before an approximate total audience of nearly 4000 patrons, with an average of 750 per concert. After our fourth concert in early March, 2015, we had already exceeded the total number of patrons from the previous entire 2013-2014 season.

**Preparation for Concerts includes:**

Our librarian and her assistants work approximately 150 hours for the concert 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 chairs must be re-set each week for our Saturday rehearsals since the music suite is shared by two other performing groups. We also have a cleaning person who spends several hours each month working in the suite.

**Symphony Rehearsals:**

The orchestra rehearses each week on Saturday mornings. The conductor, concert master and Board members arrive early to get things ready for the practice. Rehearsals begin promptly by 9:30 a.m. and end at noon. During the course of the season, depending upon the challenging nature of different music pieces, rehearsal might begin as early as 9:00 a.m. On average, 125 hours are spent throughout the season for rehearsals.

**Office Use:**

On occasion Board Members meet prior to rehearsals in the office to discuss issues that cannot wait until our monthly board meetings. Also, time is spent using the copy machine/computer. On average, 18 hours per season.

Board Meetings:

The Symphony has one meeting per month, usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month immediately following our rehearsal. Each meeting lasts on average 90 minutes for an approximate 12 hours a season.

Total Hours of Use for the North Port Symphony this Season: 305