

Report To City Commissioners-

To:The North Port Commissioners

From:The North Port Chorale Inc.

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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 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 80-85 singers who are from North Port ,Englewood ,Punta Gorda and Venice areas.

During the 2016-2017 season,the Chorale performed for over 1850 averaging 625 per concert.

Preparation for concerts include: The librarians work approximately 60 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. There is a committee that puts the section on each chair corresponding to their voice and folders.

Chorale rehearsal: The Chorale rehearses each week on Monday evenings from 6:45-9:00pm Actual hours for rehearsal set up per season are approximately:80 hours including tech rehearsal and time spent on performance nights.

Auditions for soloists require 4 hours.

Board meetings: the Chorale has one meeting per month in the Music Suite which runs and average of two hours for a total of 14 hours per season.

Total hours of use for the Chorale this season: 158 hours.

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 2016-17 season the orchestra performed before an approximate total audience of approximately 4500 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, 20 hours per season.

Board Meetings:

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

Stage Manager

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To: The North Port City Commissioners

From: The North Port Concert Band

Joan Skowyra, President

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Re: 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 High School Campus. Under the direction of our conductor, Dr. Dennis Silkebakken and our board of directors, the concert band has performed for another record breaking season. We have approximately 90 members, some traveling from as far as Ft. Myers and St. Petersburg to perform with the band and we have a wait list for prospective members. We also have a dozen 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 also features outstanding guest soloists at each concert.

During the 2016-2017 concert season, the band performed before a total audience of approximately 5730 patrons - averaging over 955 per concert.

Preparation for concerts includes:

The band librarian works approximately **331 hours** for the concert season pulling music from the library, preparing individual music folders for each musician, refiling music after each concert. Work is also spent during off season to update the library and update our computerized Inventory list. The band hires a person to do physical preparation for rehearsals which requires resetting of chairs for rehearsals since the music suite is shared by two other performing groups - **26 hours** per season totaling (357 hours)

Band Rehearsals: The band rehearses each week on Thursday evenings. The conductor and board members arrive early to set up the sound system, to utilize the Hearing Loop and for special individual group rehearsals when necessary. Regular rehearsals start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. Total rehearsal hours per season is approximately 120 hours.

Board Meetings: The Concert Band has one meeting per month in the music suite which run an average of one hour for a total of 6 hours per season. I would also add that there are a minimum of 30 miscellaneous hours spent during the season working in the music suite. (36 hours).

Total hours of Use for the Concert Band this season: 513 hours.

We are very 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 each day, M-F, it is a convenience to the North Port and surrounding communities who patronize the PAC and the musical presentations offered there. Since the demographic of North Port is changing, we are constantly attempting to make it more convenient for younger families to attend concerts and have changed our concert time from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to make it more convenient for busy, working families to attend our performances.

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: 352