

TULSA YOUTH KEYBOARD ORCHESTRA

2019-2020 SEASON

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MISSION

The **Tulsa Youth Keyboard Orchestra, Inc** (TYKO) was founded with a stated mission to provide elite piano performance and orchestral training for talented young pianists in northeastern Oklahoma. As the only youth piano orchestra in Oklahoma, we are providing a unique opportunity in orchestral education to pianists, which is usually not an option until college and/or joining a community or professional symphony. We will strive to advance our members in sight-reading, balance, tone, strict rhythm and tempo, acquiring the knowledge in following a conductor, and instilling a love for music that will last a lifetime. Our organization is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit supported by a combination of sources including tuition, volunteerism, grants, and donations.

PARTICIPATION IN PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS

TYKO recognizes the importance of private/group piano lessons and requires its members to be current participants in those lessons. Members that are actively looking for an instructor or are in the process of transferring will be eligible to participate.

TUITION AND FEES

The membership fee for the 2019-20 season will be \$175 for both the Preparatory Orchestra and Advanced Orchestra. Membership fees may be paid in **full** or in two **installments**.

The \$175 includes the \$25 registration fee. No additional fees will accumulate through the season. The annual membership fee is non-refundable.

PAYMENTS

Payment may be made through the TYKO Paypal link on the website, regardless of whether or not you have a Paypal account. Payment may also be made by cash or check and mailed to the Tulsa Youth Keyboard Orchestra address at 8825 E 93rd St., Tulsa, OK 74133. Please do not give any money to the conductors at rehearsals or concerts.

PERFORMANCE DRESS CODE

TYKO t-shirts will be provided to all members and required at all performances. Depending on the location and indoor/outdoor environment of the performance, pants will vary between khakis, jeans, and shorts. Notification of dress will be sent out prior to the performance.

While the dress in orchestras is typically all black, this is not comfortable attire during outdoor performances. T-shirts will be neutral in color, while also giving members a sense of unity. The MUSIC is the purpose of the performance. Nothing should distract the listener from the music itself, and no individual should call attention to themselves by the manner of their dress or by accessorizing. The performance is not an opportunity for individuals to display their personal style. You are part of a team. Cologne or perfume is not to be worn to rehearsals or concerts.

CARE OF MUSIC

Each musician is provided a folder of music with his/her name and is responsible for bringing it to every rehearsal and for returning it in good condition. Individuals will be charged for any music that must be replaced due to loss or damage.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Membership in the Tulsa Youth Keyboard Orchestra is both a privilege and a responsibility. Acceptance of your placement in the TYKO is a season-long commitment (September–May). Consistent participation of each individual at weekly rehearsals results in successful performances. The attendance

guidelines outlined here define each player's individual responsibility in ensuring the collaborative success of the group. Every single member in TYKO plays a very important role and has a specific part in each piece that is highly important. In some cases, there may be only one member playing a specific part. This policy protects the musical integrity of the orchestras, as well as the individual efforts and investments of each player involved. The policies below apply to all TYKO members.

ABSENCES

The maximum number of absences allowed per semester is two. Students are required to submit an Absence Notification form to report all absences, located on the 'Members' tab on the website. Anticipated absences should be reported at least two weeks in advance; last minute emergency absences also require completion of an Absence Notification form. You will need to provide a detailed reason for the absence on the Absence Notification form in all cases. Although verbal approval from either the conductor or any staff person is not sufficient, direct communication with the conductor at a rehearsal is recommended as a courtesy in addition to submitting the Absence Notification form. In case of a last-minute emergency, members/parents should leave a voicemail message with or send an email to the appropriate conductor explaining your circumstance on the day of the absence, and should complete an Absence Notification form. Excessive absences or failure to submit a complete Absence Notification form in a timely manner is considered a violation of the TYKO attendance policy and may result in a disciplinary action at the discretion of the artistic staff.

LATE ARRIVAL & EARLY DEPARTURE

Students must also submit an Absence Notification form in advance if they need to arrive late or leave a rehearsal or any scheduled TYKO event early. Excessive late arrival, early departures, or failure to submit a complete Absence Form at least two weeks in advance is considered a violation of the TYKO attendance policy, and may result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the artistic staff, which could include dismissal from a performance, chair demotion or suspension from all TYKO programs the remainder of the season.

Calendar of Events: Fall 2019 Semester

REHEARSALS:

Preparatory Orchestra - 5:00pm-6:00pm

Advanced Orchestra - 6:00pm-7:00pm

September 9 - FIRST REHEARSAL

September 16th

September 23rd

September 30th

October 7th

October 14th - FALL BREAK: NO REHEARSAL

October 21st

October 28th

November 4th

November 11th

November 18th

November 25th - THANKSGIVING BREAK: NO REHEARSAL

December 2nd

December 9th

December 16th - LAST REHEARSAL

PERFORMANCES:

October 12th - BRUSH CREEK BAZAAR: 11:30am-12:00pm

December 21st - CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE: 1:00pm-2:00pm