

# Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Orchestra

## Overview of Annual Performances & Activities

**Updates and all information can be found at: [www.daorchestra.org](http://www.daorchestra.org)**

**Refer to the CutTime calendar for the most up-to-date information. Better yet, synchronize your calendar with CutTime calendar.**

<b>All State Orchestra Auditions</b>	<i>Optional for all students</i> <b>Audition fee</b>
Students who qualify travel to the Florida All-State Clinic in Tampa in early January. If selected, additional fees apply.	
<b>Music College Showcase</b>	<i>Highly recommended Juniors and Seniors. Seniors complete portfolios to share with college representatives. Parents are encouraged to attend.</i>
This event is offered to all DA students. College representatives from throughout the country spend several days at the school viewing senior portfolios, watching performances, listening to auditions, and discussing their programs and scholarship opportunities.	
<b>Concerto Concert</b>	<i>Optional, audition dates posted on CutTime Required performance for Chamber Orchestra students. Camerata students may audition to perform with Chamber students. Concert attendance for orchestra students is mandatory Parents and guests are invited to attend. <b>Entrance Fee</b></i>
Chamber Orchestra, Wind Symphony, and Piano students audition to perform solos in the Concerto concert. Soloists are selected by a panel music educators and directors.	
<b>Fall (usually October) and Winter (early December) Orchestra Concerts</b>	<i>Required for all orchestra students Parents and guests are encouraged to attend. <b>Entrance Fee</b></i>
These concerts are an opportunity for the DA orchestras to present their musical skills and talents to parents, family, friends, and special guests.	
<b>Solo &amp; Ensemble</b>	<i>Required for <b>all</b> Orchestra Students <b>Accompanist fees</b> are included in the student's fair share fee.. Parents may attend; <b>no admission fee</b></i>
Each student performs a solo piece before a judge, accompanied by pianist. Rehearsals required. Students in chamber groups also perform.	
<b>DA Musical</b>	<i>Optional opportunities for auditioned orchestra members to provide accompaniment <b>Entrance fee – tickets must be preordered through DA</b></i>
DA presents a musical production each fall. When instrumental parts are needed, orchestra and band students are invited to audition. Numerous after school rehearsals are required.	
<b>Riverside Arts Market or other Venue Off Campus</b>	<b>No admission fee</b>
When scheduled these performances will be posted on the CutTime calendar.	
<b>FMEA All – State - January</b>	<i>Required for students chosen to perform in the all state orchestra <b>Additional fees</b> are required</i>
Students selected to perform in the all – state orchestra will travel, with chaperones, to Tampa, Florida for rehearsals and a performance.	

<b>Extravaganza</b>	<i>Required Performance Chamber Orchestra and (TBD) Camerata Orchestra</i> <b>Entrance fee: tickets must be preordered via DA or Ticketmaster</b>
This annual winter performance presents the talents of students within each of the arts areas at DA to a community wide audience in the Times Union Center. Preorder tickets through DA in December, or via Ticketmaster in January.	
<b>MPA music performance assessment</b>	<i>Required for all orchestra students</i> <b>No admission fee</b> <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
Each year students participate in the district MPA.	
<b>String Chamber Recital (2 recitals each year)</b>	<i>Required for all students in the String Chamber Class</i> <b>No admission fee</b>
Chamber recital concerts are held off campus in various locations. There are 2 concerts each year, one in the fall and one in the spring. All DA orchestra students and families are encouraged to attend.	
<b>Senior Recital</b> <i>Juniors- students/parents</i> <i>- Host a Reception</i>	<i>Auditioned seniors perform</i> <i>Attendance is required for all Juniors &amp; Seniors</i> <i>Attendance for Freshman &amp; Sophomores is optional, but encouraged</i> <b>No admission fee</b>
The senior recital is held annually in the spring. Seniors are encouraged to audition for the privilege of performing. A reception follows the event and is hosted by the students and parents of the junior class.	
<b>Spring Concert</b>	<i>Required for all orchestra students</i> <b>Entrance Fee</b>
This concert is an opportunity for all the DA orchestras to present their musical skills and talents to their parents, family, friends, and special guests in a special end of the year concert. This concert usually includes guest performers from local programs such as the Cathedral Arts Project, Pine Forest School, Lavilla, and others.	
<b>Orchestra Awards Banquet</b>	<i>All <b>orchestra students</b> are invited at <b>no charge</b></i> <i>Parents/guests are encouraged to attend</i> <b>Admission fee for Parents/guests</b>
An annual tradition, the awards banquet is an opportunity for students to celebrate the year's accomplishments. This semiformal event includes dinner, awards, entertainment, and dancing.	
<b>DA Graduation Ceremony</b>	<i>Required for Chamber. Camerata (TBD)</i> <b>Entrance: ticket required – limited numbers available</b>
Performances by the DA orchestra alternate years with the DA Band. Orchestra performances are 2024, 2026, 2028, etc.	

**Many other activities are scheduled during the year including:**

- **After school rehearsals**
- **Guest artists**
- **Master classes**
- **Sectionals**
- **Dress rehearsals**
- **Field trips to performances**
- **Performances off campus for venues/events**
- **All scheduled events and changes/updates are listed on the CutTime calendar**  
- which should be checked frequently.

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