

## 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 <b>Audition fee</b></i>
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. Colleges from throughout the country set up booths to display information describing their programs and scholarship opportunities.	
<b>Concerto Concert</b>	<i>Optional, audition dates posted on CutTime Required performance for Chamber Orchestra students Concert attendance for orchestra students is mandatory Parents and guests are invited to attend. <b>Entrance Fee</b></i>
Orchestra and Wind Symphony Students audition for the privilege of performing with the DA Symphony Orchestra.	
<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 (tentative)</b>	<i>Required for <b>all</b> Orchestra Students <b>Additional accompanist fees</b> are assessed 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 Performance (tentative)</b>	<i><b>No admission fee</b></i>
When scheduled this performance occurs during the fall and 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> may be required</i>
Students chosen 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.	
<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.	

**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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