

Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Orchestra
Overview of Annual Performances & Activities
Updates and all information can be found at: www.daorchestra.org
Refer to the Charms calendar & parent FB page for the most up-to-date information

Pops Concert	<i>One, or all orchestras may be involved. If scheduled, the specific date and information will be provided at orientation. Entrance Fee</i>
Combined program with the DA Band. May be offered in alternating years. When offered, this concert occurs very early in the school year (usually September). Theme oriented. Costumes encouraged.	
All State Orchestra Auditions	<i>Recommended for Chamber, optional for Repertory and Sinfonia Audition fee</i>
Students who qualify travel to the Florida All-State Clinic in Tampa in early January. Additional fees apply.	
Music College Night	<i>Required attendance Juniors and Seniors Parents are encouraged to attend.</i>
This event is offered to all DA music arts students. Colleges from throughout the country set up booths to display information describing their programs and scholarship opportunities.	
Concerto Concert	<i>Optional auditions in August/September Required performance for Chamber Orchestra students Concert attendance for orchestra students is mandatory Parents and guests are invited to attend. Entrance Fee</i>
Orchestra and Band Students audition for the privilege of performing with the DA Symphony Orchestra.	
Fall and/or Winter Orchestra Concerts	<i>Required for all orchestra students Parents and guests are encouraged to attend. Entrance Fee</i>
These concerts are an opportunity for all of the DA orchestras to present their musical skills and talents to parents, family, friends, and special guests.	
Solo & Ensemble	<i>Required for all Orchestra Students Additional accompanist fees are assessed Parents may attend; no admission fee</i>
Each student performs a solo piece before a judge, accompanied by pianist. Rehearsals required. Students in chamber groups also perform.	
DA Musical	<i>Optional opportunities for auditioned orchestra members to provide accompaniment Entrance fee – tickets must be preordered through DA</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.	
Riverside Arts Market Performance	<i>Required Performance Repertory Orchestra Students No admission fee</i>
Each fall the DA Repertory Orchestra performs at the Riverside Arts Market. Parents and guests are urged to attend.	
FMEA All – State - January	<i>Required for students chosen to perform in the all state orchestra Additional fees 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.	

Extravaganza	<i>Required Performance Chamber Orchestra and (TBD) Repertory Orchestra Entrance fee: tickets must be preordered</i>
This annual winter performance presents the gifts and talents of all the arts students who attend DA to a community wide audience in the Times Union Center. Preorder tickets through DA in December, or via Ticketmaster.	
MPA or IPA music or interactive performance assessment	<i>Required for all orchestra students No admission fee for MPA. Nominal fee for IPA, Parents are encouraged to attend</i>
Each year students participate in the district MPA, or an Interactive Performance Assessment. The IPA invites local musicians as well as faculty and parents to critique and comment on each orchestra's performance.	
String Chamber Recital (2 recitals each year)	<i>Required for all students in the String Chamber Class Parents and guests are encouraged to attend. No admission fee</i>
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.	
Senior Recital Juniors- students/parents - Host a Reception	<i>Auditioned seniors perform Attendance is required for all Juniors & Seniors Attendance for Freshman & Sophomores is optional, but encouraged No admission fee</i>
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.	
Spring Concert	<i>Required for all orchestra students Parents and guests are encouraged to attend. Entrance Fee</i>
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.	
Orchestra Awards Banquet	<i>All orchestra students are invited at no charge Parents/guests are encouraged to attend Admission fee for Parents/guests</i>
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.	
DA Graduation Ceremony	<i>Required for Chamber and Repertory Entrance: ticket required – limited numbers available</i>
Performances by the DA orchestra alternate years with the DA Band. Orchestra performances are 2019, 2021, 2023, etc.	

Many other activities are scheduled during the year including:

- **After school practices**
- **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 CHARMS calendar and the Parent FB page - which should be checked frequently.**

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