

# Winterfest – Festival Strings 2020

The year 2020 marks the 250th anniversary of Ludwig van Beethoven's birth, and Festival Strings will celebrate this occasion by performing on stage with the Hershey Symphony on Friday, February 14th. The Hershey Symphony will recognize Beethoven's historic birthday anniversary by dedicating an entire concert to his compositions, including the well known *Symphony No. 5*, and the *Violin Concerto in D*, performed by Odin Rathnam. Also on this program, Festival Strings will perform Dr. Sandra Dackow's arrangement of the *Finale from Fidelio* with the full orchestra.

*Winterfest* is a six-week program for Festival Strings, middle school string players from the greater Hershey and Harrisburg areas. Membership is open to any student in grades 6-9 without audition, upon the recommendation of the school orchestra director, and to those in cyber and home school programs. Festival Strings will be under the direction of Dr. Sandra Dackow and Ms. Jennifer Meckler, Orchestra Director for the West Morris Regional High School District in New Jersey. Mr. Andrew Kurtz, Orchestra Director from Palmyra Area School District will serve as a rehearsal conductor.

Date	Time	Probable location
Saturday, January 4	10:00 am – noon	Palm Lutheran Church, Palmyra
Saturday, February 1	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Mountain View MS., Cumberland Valley
Thursday, February 13	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Hershey Theatre, Hershey
<b>Friday, February 14</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Hershey Theatre, Hershey</b>

All students should bring a music stand **with your name on it** to every rehearsal. Cellos should also bring an endpin anchor. Concert attire is a dress white blouse/shirt, with black pants, slacks or skirt. *Winterfest* will be open seating. High school students who have performed with Festival Strings in the past may enroll as Rehearsal Assistants, and do not need to pay an enrollment fee.

Parents, you will be able to obtain up to eight reduced price tickets for your immediate family for the concert with the Symphony, through Festival Strings. Further information will be available regarding reserving these tickets in January. Email will be used as our principal means of communication, so please provide accurate information on the registration page. Staff and players in the Hershey Symphony all have current Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearances on file.

**Registrations are due by Monday, December 16th.** To complete your enrollment, fill out the application form, obtain the signature of your school orchestra director, and include a check for the enrollment fee of \$60.00, payable to *Hershey Symphony*. Mail the application form and the enrollment fee to: Mrs. Lynn Sten, Festival Strings Winterfest, 293 Founders Way, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. Questions may be directed to her on email at: [stenlynn66@gmail.com](mailto:stenlynn66@gmail.com)



# 2020 Festival Strings

*This application may be duplicated*

Name (*Print the way it is to be in the program*): \_\_\_\_\_

First Email (*Print*): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Email (*Print*): \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Rehearsal Ass't (grade 10–12): \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Private Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions Studied: \_\_\_\_\_

Past Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Y or N**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

School Orch. Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

As the student, I certify that if I am selected to be a member of this orchestra, I will faithfully attend all rehearsals, the performance, and prepare the music.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent or legal guardian of the above student, I give him/her permission to participate in this activity. I understand that neither the Hershey Symphony Orchestra, host school districts, nor individual teachers assume responsibility for illness or accident. I also am aware that all events at the Hershey Theatre are recorded, and by signing this, give consent that photos of the students may be used in promotional materials by the Hershey Symphony.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

As the student's music teacher, I endorse the applicant as an excellent and hardworking music student. I will encourage him/her to fulfill duties as a member of the orchestra.

School Orchestra Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Students must be members in good standing with their school music programs.**

—If the student is not a member of the school orchestra, please explain why on the reverse side of this form—

Please mail this completed application by December 16, along with a check for \$60, payable to **Hershey Symphony** to: Lynn Sten, Festival Strings Winterfest, 293 Founders Way, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

*For Office Use Only:*

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Section/Part: \_\_\_\_\_