

2021-2022 STRING AUDITION INFORMATION
CONCORDIA COLLEGE • MOORHEAD, MN
GENERAL INFORMATION

You do not need to be a music major to participate in orchestra. Regardless of previous experience and/or skill level there is an orchestral ensemble available for you to make music at Concordia College.

Ensemble Rehearsal Schedule for Strings

The Concordia Orchestra

Mon 5:00PM - 6:30PM (Strings only)

& Tues & Thurs 4:30PM - 6:30PM (Tutti)

Wed 5:00PM - 6:30PM (Opera personnel, only few select Wednesdays)

There may also be a very limited amount of Friday evening dress rehearsals.

Symphonia Orchestra

M,W, F 4:00PM - 4:50PM

The Concordia Orchestra is the college's flagship orchestra and performs a wide variety of orchestral repertoire from many styles and periods in an average of 20-30 concerts per year. This group normally tours annually and is featured in the Homecoming Concert and Christmas concerts. Students who are selected for membership into The Concordia Orchestra are required to study privately, as are students who have received a Concordia Music Scholarship. **Any student who wishes to be a member of The Concordia Orchestra needs to perform an audition, regardless of previous membership** (see audition info below).

Conductor / Contact Person

Dr. Kevin Sütterlin

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The Symphonia Orchestra is open to all intermediate to advanced string players, performing both chamber and symphonic repertoire. An audition is not required for participation, but strongly encouraged for incoming freshman or students who have not previously participated in an orchestra at Concordia. Symphonia presents a formal concert each semester, with additional performance opportunities. Private lessons are available for students in the Symphonia Orchestra, and members are strongly encouraged to participate however it is not required for membership in Symphonia.

Due to domestic touring, Concordia Orchestra members are required to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

The orchestral program runs on "Dignity, Respect, Care, Trust, and Grace"

As members of the Concordia community, and as members of The Concordia Orchestra family, we treat each other with dignity and respect. Our top priority must always be our own and everyone else's health and wellbeing—that includes physical, mental, emotional, and academic health. We agree to make our best efforts to learn about each other; learn to understand each other better; respect each other even in disagreements; care about each other, and appreciate each other as individuals with our very own unique strengths, dreams, goals, attributes, quirks, and flaws, as well as members of a global community in which we are dedicated to contribute towards peace and harmony rather than discord and negativity; to encounter each other with grace and forgiveness.

AUDITION MATERIALS

The orchestra audition will consist of the following components:

1. SCALES & ARPEGGIOS: One major and one harmonic minor (basses melodic minor) **scale** and **arpeggio**; 3 octaves (basses 2 octaves).

2. SOLO PIECE: A **solo piece** (or excerpt of one) of your choosing – at least 2 minutes in length - which demonstrates your finest playing. Etudes from a method book or portions of a solo composition are appropriate.

3. ORCHESTRAL EXCERPTS: The specific excerpts are from upcoming repertoire. The excerpts for your instrument are available as a PDF document at the Instrumental Ensemble Audition information page:

<https://www.concordiacollege.edu/student-life/music-ensembles/orchestras/orchestra-auditions/> It is highly recommended that you seek out a recording and score to study the context of the excerpts.

The Fall 2021 excerpts are from **Respighi's Pines of Rome**, **Louise Farrenc's Overture No. 1**, **Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4**, and **Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's Ballade**. It is highly recommended that you seek out a recording and a score to study the context of the excerpts.

SCHEDULING AN AUDITION

Musicians interested in auditioning for placement in an orchestral ensemble should **sign-up for a brief (8 minute) audition according to the audition schedule listed below**. They should fill out the online audition form prior to their audition. Sign-up sheets are located in the music building (Hvidsten) outside the Hanson Orchestral Rehearsal Hall beginning on Sunday, August 22. Sign up for an audition time before Monday, August 23, 10 AM. For first-year students involved in orientation activities, auditioning involves missing only a brief portion of the activities during a given day (approximately 30 minutes including warm-up, auditioning, and returning to orientation activities). If you are encountering scheduling issues, or have any questions or concerns regarding the audition schedule, please contact Dr. Sütterlin at ksuetter@cord.edu as soon as possible.

Monday 23 August 2021

7:00PM-9:40 PM *Cellos/Basses (TBC)*

Tuesday 24 August 2021

4:22-5:45 PM *Violas (TBC)*

6:45-9:45 PM *Violins (TBC)*

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ONLINE AUDITION APPLICATION FORM.

Prior to your blind audition, please fill out the audition application form which you can find here: <https://www.concordiacollege.edu/student-life/music-ensembles/orchestras/orchestra-auditions/>.

THE AUDITION PROCESS

1. Auditions will be **BLIND** which means that the judges will not see you. Do not speak while in the audition space, and avoid coughing, clearing your throat, shoe noise, et cetera. A student proctor will be at your disposal in case you need any assistance.
2. **Incoming Freshmen** and **transfer** students **may opt for a non-blind audition**; just let the student proctor know prior to your audition.
3. Immediately prior to your audition, check in at the info desk right outside the orchestra room. A student proctor will accompany you into the Orchestra Rehearsal hall for your audition.
3. The proctor will inform the judges of your instrument and assigned number.
4. One of the judges will instruct you on what to present. As outlined above, you may be asked to play the following materials in no specific order (at the discretion of the judges):
 - a) scales and arpeggios
 - b) prepared solo piece
 - c) prepared orchestral excerpt (bring your own copy)
5. The judges may cut you off for time reasons and may instruct you to move on to the next step.

LESSONS

Lessons are available for a fee from Music Department Faculty to any interested student. Lessons are scheduled individually with faculty so that a lesson time that does not conflict with scheduled classes can be identified. ***Students who are selected for membership into The Concordia Orchestra are required to study privately, as are students who have received a Concordia Music Performance Scholarship.***

Please contact the following studio faculty regarding the scheduling of private lessons.

Violin/Viola

Dr. Sonja Bosca-Harasim harasim@cord.edu

Dr. Dina Neglia-Khachatrian dneglia@cord.edu

Cello/Bass

Dr. Gregory Hamilton ghamilto@cord.edu

ENSEMBLE FEES

The college has instituted a nominal ensemble fee of \$100 that is assessed for every ensemble in each semester of participation. Those students participating in the Concordia Orchestra, The Concordia Choir, or the Concordia Band will be assessed a further fee of \$125 per semester. "Students who participate in both the Concordia Band and the Concordia Orchestra within the same semester will pay the further fee only once.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Questions or concerns regarding the auditions can be directed to Dr. Sütterlin at ksuetter@cord.edu.

CHECKLIST

- Downloaded audition excerpts [here](#).**
- Practiced & prepared scales, arpeggios, solo piece, and orchestral excerpts.**
- Filled out the [Online Application Form](#).**
- Signed up for audition time slot on sign-up sheet outside the orchestra room.**
- Understood that the audition is a “blind audition,” which means that the faculty will not be able to see you or speak to you during your audition. (Incoming freshmen and transfer students can opt for a non-blind audition)**