



elemental music

STUDENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK 2017-2018 SEASON

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Fall 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 14th season of Elemental Music, where **over 1,000 students** have participated in our ensemble training programs since 2004!

I recently had the pleasure of reconnecting with several alumni from our early years. Many told me that their experiences in our programs made a profound difference in their lives. And oh, how they have grown! One former student went to Australia to work on robots. Another became a personal chef. Then there is the photographer who came back and took photos of our students last year. One alum is now a public school music teacher in the Central Valley who caught the teaching bug after volunteering with us as a high school student. Several more are working for nonprofits across the country and even as far as Peru, working in service to help others.

As one of the founding teachers for this organization, it brings me incredible joy to have been part of so many students' journeys. Their early musical experiences with us have led most to continue playing through high school and beyond. They only realize many years later that the non-musical skills cultivated in ensemble playing – how to collaborate with others, how to process instruction and criticism, how to have patience, even how to take turns – all of these things all help shape who students become later in life.

My hope is that we will share the gift of music with your loved ones, too! Our goal is to give your child the best possible experience in our programs. The friendships they develop here often last for years to come – just wait and see!

So, on behalf of our teaching staff, welcome to the Elemental Music family. We look forward to getting to know you as the year goes on!

Warmly,

Josephine Moerschel
Executive & Artistic Director



STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Keep all notices in your black binders. Parents, please check the binder for important handouts each week (which will also be emailed).
- Bring your music, instrument, music binder, and 2 sharpened pencils with eraser, to every rehearsal. Mark your own parts!
- Be on time! Early is on time; on time is late. **Please be in your seats by 3:40 so that we can start rehearsal exactly at 3:45.**
- Come prepared! Please learn your part at home, and bring it in to your private teacher for help. Suggested practice time is a minimum of 30 minutes per day.
- Be respectful and courteous to the teachers, mentors, parents, and orchestra members. We are guests at our host schools for rehearsals and concerts and should behave as such. No food or drink (except bottled water) is allowed in the classrooms. Please do not chew gum on campus.

ATTENDANCE

- Rehearsals take place weekly as noted on the calendar. Rehearsals are from 3:45 to 5:45.
- Students should arrive at least 5 minutes before the start of rehearsal to ensure a timely start of rehearsal.
- Excessive and/or frequent tardiness will not be tolerated. Students need to be at rehearsals for the entirety of the time.
- ABSENCES
 - All rehearsals and performances are mandatory!
 - Each student is allowed only TWO absences during the entire year. More than two may result in dismissal from Elemental Music Programs.
 - Please carefully check the calendar (also available online) for dates, times, and locations of all rehearsals and performances.
 - If your child is sick or has to unexpectedly miss a rehearsal, please contact your Program Director as soon as possible.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF POLICY

- Please note that supervision by Elemental Music Staff is only available 15 minutes before the beginning of rehearsal.
- Students should not be dropped off and left unattended more than 15 minutes before the start of rehearsal. **Please do not arrive at any locations before 3:30.**
- Elemental Music staff is not liable to stay with students beyond our 5:45pm ending time, so please pick up students promptly at the end of rehearsal. We may not have personnel available to stay late with any students.

CONCERT ATTIRE (For all groups EXCEPT Academy Philharmonic)

Shop early for your concert clothes! Students grow quickly, and often outgrow clothes and shoes during the year. Please check that everything still fits before each concert.

GIRLS

- ✓ White, long-sleeve tops (no t-shirts, no spaghetti straps). Sweaters are ok, but please do not have any patterns, embroidery or colored design on your tops.
- ✓ Long black skirt (must fall gracefully past the knees when seated) or black dress pants (no jeans or leggings)
- ✓ Black dress shoes (no sandals or sneakers)
- ✓ Black socks or hosiery optional
- ✓ Please be sure to pull your hair off your face, either with a headband, barrette, or hair tie. We want to be sure parents can see your face!

BOYS

- ✓ White long-sleeve dress shirts, tucked in.
- ✓ Black dress pants (no jeans)
- ✓ Solid black belt
- ✓ Black socks and black dress shoes (no sandals or sneakers)

White means solid white, and black means solid black. Please, no embroidery, patterns, polka dots, etc.

ACADEMY PHILHARMONIC

Please follow guidelines above EXCEPT girls should wear black long sleeve tops, or black dresses with long sleeves and the skirt must fall gracefully past knees when seated. Boys should also wear a solid black tie (no patterns, solid black only).

ACADEMY PHILHARMONIC

STUDENT SUPPLIES

All students should have (and bring every week):

- ✓ a black 3-ring binder (clearly labeled with your child's name)
- ✓ 10 clear plastic sleeves
- ✓ at least 2 sharpened pencils with eraser
- ✓ violins and violas need to have appropriate shoulder rests
- ✓ cellos and basses need to have endpin straps/rock stops
- ✓ 1 extra set of strings
- ✓ rosin
- ✓ cleaning cloth
- ✓ instrument related supplies (valve oil, cork grease, reeds, swab, etc.)

Other suggested supplies include:

- ✓ Metronome
- ✓ Chromatic tuner
- ✓ Music stand for home use

CALENDAR – All rehearsals will be at SMASH from 3:45 to 5:45.

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Sat. 9/23 – Auditions SMC	Wed. 1/10 - Rehearsal	Wed. 3/21 - Rehearsal
Wed. 10/4 - Rehearsal	Wed. 1/17 - Rehearsal	Wed. 4/11 - Rehearsal
Wed. 10/11 - Rehearsal	Wed. 1/24 - Rehearsal	Wed. 4/18 - Rehearsal
Wed. 10/18 - Rehearsal	Wed. 1/31 - Rehearsal	Wed. 4/25 - Rehearsal
Wed. 10/25 - Rehearsal	Wed. 2/7 - Rehearsal	Wed. 5/2 - Rehearsal
Wed. 11/1 - Rehearsal	Wed. 2/14 - Rehearsal	Sun. 5/6 – Laemmle Live
Wed. 11/8 - Rehearsal	Wed. 2/21 - Rehearsal	Wed. 5/9 - Rehearsal
Wed. 11/15 - Rehearsal	Wed. 2/28 - Rehearsal	Wed. 5/16 - Rehearsal
Wed. 11/29 - Rehearsal	Wed. 3/7 - Rehearsal	Wed. 5/23 - Rehearsal
Wed. 12/6 - Rehearsal	Sun. 3/11 - Concert	Wed. 5/30 - Rehearsal
Sat. 12/9 - Concert		Sat. 6/2 - Concert

CONCERTS

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, 2:00 pm

Sunday, March 11, 2018, 2:00 pm

Sunday, May 6, 2018 – Laemmle Live Performance (winds and brass only)

Saturday, June 2, 2018, 2:00 pm

All concerts except Laemmle Live will be at SMC Performing Arts Campus, Music Hall 1310 11th Street, Santa Monica 90401

Peter Senchuk – Academy Philharmonic Director

peter@elementalmusic.org 310-709-8858

ELEMENTAL BAND

STUDENT SUPPLIES

All students should have (and bring every week):

- ✓ a black 1.5 inch 3-ring binder (clearly labeled with your child's name)
- ✓ 10 clear plastic sleeves
- ✓ at least 2 sharpened pencils with eraser
- ✓ instrument related supplies (valve oil, cork grease, swab, etc.)
- ✓ clarinet and saxophone students should have at least one extra reed at all times

Other suggested supplies include:

- ✓ Metronome
- ✓ Music stand for home use

CALENDAR – All rehearsals will be at John Adams Middle School from 3:45 to 5:45.

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Sat. 9/23 – Auditions SMC	Thurs. 1/11 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 3/15 – Rehearsal
Thurs. 10/5 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 1/18 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 3/22 – Rehearsal
Thurs. 10/12 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 1/25 – Rehearsal	Tues. 4/17 – Rehearsal
Thurs. 10/19 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 2/1 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 4/26 – Rehearsal
Thurs. 10/26 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 2/8 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 5/3 – Rehearsal
Thurs. 11/2 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 2/15 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 5/10 – Rehearsal
Thurs. 11/9 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 2/22 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 5/17 – Rehearsal
Thurs. 11/16 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 3/1 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 5/24 – Rehearsal
Thurs. 11/30 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 3/8 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 5/31 – Rehearsal
Thurs. 12/7 – Rehearsal	Sat. 3/10 - Concert	Sat. 6/2 – Concert
Sun. 12/10 - Concert		

CONCERTS

Sunday, December 10, 4:30 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Saturday, March 10, 4:30 pm at Lincoln Middle School

May concert with SMC Wind Ensemble at Broad Stage, date TBA

Saturday, June 2, 2018, 4:00 pm, SMC Performing Arts Campus, Music Hall
1310 11th Street, Santa Monica 90401

Peter Senchuk – Elemental Band Director

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ELEMENTAL CHOIR

STUDENT SUPPLIES

All students should have (and bring every week):

- ✓ a black 1 inch 3-ring binder **with pockets** (clearly labeled with your child's name)
- ✓ at least 2 sharpened pencils with eraser

CALENDAR – All rehearsals will be at Edison Elementary School from 3:45 to 5:45.

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Sat. 9/23 – Auditions SMC	Fri. 1/12 - Rehearsal	Fri. 3/16 - Rehearsal
Fri. 10/6 – Rehearsal	Fri. 1/19 - Rehearsal	Fri. 4/13 - Rehearsal
Fri. 10/13 - Rehearsal	Fri. 1/26 - Rehearsal	Fri. 4/20 - Rehearsal
Fri. 10/20 - Rehearsal	Fri. 2/2 - Rehearsal	Fri. 4/27 - Rehearsal
Fri. 10/27 - Rehearsal	Fri. 2/9 - Rehearsal	Fri. 5/4 - Rehearsal
Fri. 11/3 - Rehearsal	Fri. 2/16 - Rehearsal	Fri. 5/11 - Rehearsal
Wed. 11/8 - Rehearsal	Fri. 2/23 - Rehearsal	Fri. 5/18 - Rehearsal
Fri. 11/17 - Rehearsal	Fri. 3/2 - Rehearsal	Fri. 5/25 - Rehearsal
Fri. 12/1 - Rehearsal	Fri. 3/9 - Rehearsal	Fri. 6/1 - Rehearsal
Fri. 12/8 - Rehearsal	Sat. 3/10 - Concert	Sun. 6/3 - Concert
Sun. 12/10 - Concert		

CONCERTS

Sunday, December 10, 4:30 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Saturday, March 10, 4:30 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Sunday, June 3, 2:00 pm, Miles Playhouse

1130 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica 90403

Jessi Spike Gravelle – Elemental Choir Director

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ELEMENTAL GUITAR

STUDENT SUPPLIES

All students should have (and bring every week):

- ✓ a black 3-ring binder (clearly labeled with your child's name)
- ✓ 10 clear plastic sleeves
- ✓ at least 2 sharpened pencils with eraser
- ✓ appropriately-sized guitar supports (foot stools)
- ✓ tuner

CALENDAR – All rehearsals will be at Grant Elementary on Thursdays from 3:45 to 5:45. Except Tues. 11/7 and Wed. 5/23 will be at John Adams Middle School.

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Thurs. 11/16 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 3/1 – Rehearsal	Wed. 5/23 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 11/30 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 3/8 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 5/31 – Rehearsal
Thurs. 12/7 – Rehearsal	Sat. 3/10 - Concert	Sun. 6/3 - Concert
Sun. 12/10 - Concert		

CONCERTS

Sunday, December 10, 4:30 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Saturday, March 10, 4:30 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Sunday, June 3, 2:00 pm, Miles Playhouse

1130 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica 90403

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ELEMENTAL STRINGS

STUDENT SUPPLIES

All students should have (and bring every week):

- ✓ a black 3-ring binder
- ✓ 10 clear plastic sleeves
- ✓ at least 2 sharpened pencils with eraser
- ✓ violins and violas need to have appropriate shoulder rests
- ✓ cellos and basses need to have endpin straps/rock stops
- ✓ rosin
- ✓ cleaning cloth

Other suggested supplies include:

- ✓ Metronome
- ✓ Chromatic tuner
- ✓ Music stand for home use

CALENDAR – All rehearsals will be at John Adams Middle School from 3:45 to 5:45.

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Fri. 12/1 - Rehearsal	Fri. 3/9 - Rehearsal	Fri. 6/1 - Rehearsal
Fri. 12/8 - Rehearsal	Sat. 3/10 - Concert	Sat. 6/2 - Concert
Sun. 12/10 - Concert		

CONCERTS

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Saturday, March 10, 2:00 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Saturday June 2, 10:30am, First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica,
1220 Second Street

Dr. Josephine Moerschel – Elemental Strings Director (Conductor for Chamber Orchestra)

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PRELUDE

STUDENT SUPPLIES

All students should have (and bring every week):

- ✓ a black 3-ring binder
- ✓ 10 clear plastic sleeves
- ✓ at least 2 sharpened pencils with eraser
- ✓ violins and violas need to have appropriate shoulder rests
- ✓ cellos need to have endpin straps/rock stops
- ✓ rosin
- ✓ cleaning cloth

Other suggested supplies include:

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- ✓ Chromatic tuner
- ✓ Music stand for home use

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Sun. 12/10 - Concert	Sat. 3/10 - Concert	Sat. 6/2 - Concert

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Saturday, March 10, 2:00 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Saturday June 2, 10:30am, First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica,
1220 Second Street

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/elementalmusm>