

ELEMENTAL MUSIC

celebrating twenty years of music-making
and building community on the westside



ELEMENTAL @ BROADWAY 2023-2024

We make great music together.



A Message from Elemental Music's Executive & Artistic Director

Dear families,

Welcome to our TWENTIETH season! It's been an amazing journey and we are delighted to have your family join our program this year. We have many exciting things planned for this season, including a huge organization-wide concert on March 9 to celebrate twenty years of music-making!

There is a reason why over 3,000 students have been part of the Elemental Music community— we truly care for each student and want to help them find their own identity as a musician. Our teachers and program directors work hard to support and challenge each child to be their best, and our students find a real community with their peers. These friendships often last through high school and beyond!

I know that there is a lot of information in this handbook. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your program director. We look forward to getting to know each of you throughout the year, and hopefully for many years to come.

Yours,

Josephine (a.k.a. Dr. Jo to the students) Moerschel
Executive & Artistic Director

2023-2024 Parent Handbook

BROADWAY STRINGS & BROADWAY ORCHESTRA

BROADWAY SINGERS & BROADWAY CHORUS

ATTENDANCE:

- Rehearsals take place weekly as noted on the calendar.
- Excessive and/or frequent tardiness will not be tolerated.
- Students need to be at rehearsals for the entirety of the time.

ABSENCES:

- In order to get the most out of the ensemble experience, students are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. However, if your child is sick or isolating due to a positive Covid test ([LA County Department of Public Health Guidelines for Covid-19 Isolation](#)), please do not attend rehearsal.
- **Students will be expected to have no more than 3 absences during the year and absences should be for illness or emergency reasons only.**
- Multiple absences will be considered on a case by case basis. Students with excessive absences may not be able to participate in performances.
- 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.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP POLICY

- Students will assemble at the auditorium immediately after school. They may use the time to eat their snack outside before lessons start. Teachers will pick up their groups from the auditorium and take them to lessons in various classrooms.
- Elemental Music staff will supervise students between the end of the school day and the beginning of class.
- Parents will not be allowed into school sites or rehearsals with the exception of approved volunteers. Students will be escorted to and from rehearsal spaces by Elemental Music staff.
- Please be sure to pick up students promptly at the end of rehearsal. Students will be walked to Star or the Main Entrance for Broadway. Please wait outside the front door, and we will bring your child out to you. **Our staff will only be available to wait with your child up to 5 minutes after rehearsal ends.**

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STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Practice! Students will not feel successful if they do not practice at home. Your program director will give guidelines on how to add daily practicing along with regular school homework to build good habits.
- 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, music binder, and 2 sharpened pencils with erasers to every rehearsal. Mark your own parts!
- Be sure to bring snacks and water for snack time - a beloved part of our weekly rehearsals!
- Be on time! Early is on time; on time is late.
- Come prepared! Please learn your part at home, and if you have a private teacher, bring it in to them for help. If you do not have a private teacher and are interested in recommendations, please let us know. Check with your director for a suggested amount of practice time at home.
- Be respectful and courteous to teachers, mentors, parents, and ensemble 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.

CONCERT ATTIRE:

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.

TOPS

- Solid white, long-sleeve dress shirts (no t-shirts, no spaghetti straps).
- Sweaters are ok, but please do not have any patterns, embroidery, or colored designs on your tops.
- Tops with shirrtails must be tucked in.

BOTTOMS

- Long black skirt (must fall gracefully past the knees when seated).
- Black dress pants (no jeans or leggings).
- If a belt is worn, it must be solid black.

FOOTWEAR

- Black dress shoes (no sandals or sneakers).
- Black hosiery optional.
- All socks should be black.

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CONCERT ATTIRE (*continued*):

HAIR

- Please be sure to pull your hair off your face. We want to be sure we can see your face!

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

REHEARSAL SAFETY PROTOCOLS

As we welcome you to the new season, we want to stress that the safety of our students and staff is our priority!

- Our program directors have CPR and First Aid training.
- Hand sanitizer and hand washing facilities will be readily available for students at rehearsal sites.
- If there is a possible exposure due to a positive COVID case confirmed in the ensemble, all members of the ensemble will be notified. The identity of the positive case will not be released. Students should follow the guidance of the [LA County Department of Public Health](#) for close contacts.

CALENDARS:

Every ensemble will receive their own personalized calendar and supply list. Google calendars are also available for each ensemble. If you ever misplace your rehearsal calendar, you can download it again from our website.

- **Broadway Strings & Orchestra:** bit.ly/broadwaystringscal
- **Broadway Singers:** bit.ly/broadwaysingerscal
- **Broadway Chorus:** bit.ly/broadwaychoruscal

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Be sure to follow us across our social media channels for behind-the-scenes footage and photos from rehearsals and concerts, educational articles, volunteer opportunities, local event happenings, and more!

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/ElementalMusicSM>

Instagram: @elementalmusicsm

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

**For more information about our programs, staff, or calendars,
please visit our website:
www.elementalmusic.org
espanol.elementalmusic.org**



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LEADERSHIP TEAM

Visit elementalmusic.org for staff lists and bios.

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Broadway Orchestra

Director: Diane Rosenthal - Broadwayorchestra@elementalmusic.org

Broadway Singers

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Broadway Chorus

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