

# Orchestra at Fremd

There are multiple opportunities outside of the school orchestra for orchestra students to perform in District 211. These groups include Honors Orchestra, the Annual Fall Chamber Retreat and of course, each school has their own orchestras and chamber groups.

*All orchestral musicians are introduced to a wide variety of music giving them an opportunity to develop technique, musicianship and concepts in music appreciation.*

**Fremd Concert Orchestra** is comprised of freshmen - seniors and rehearses everyday during the day. It is intended for students who have experience playing their instruments and who are proficient in reading basic music notation as it applies to their instruments. The course helps develop and refine technical and musical skills essential to the performance of the standard symphonic repertoire. Students audition and are recommended in the spring for placement in one of the three orchestras. Members of Concert Orchestra have the opportunity to participate in any of the District Orchestras, solo/ensemble festival, and the spring orchestra trip.

**Fremd Philharmonic Orchestra** is comprised of freshmen – seniors and rehearses everyday during the day. It is intended for students who have experience playing their instruments and who are proficient in fundamental skills as well as vibrato, basic bow technique and shifting in the lower positions. This orchestra performs advanced level string orchestra repertoire while developing their technique and musicianship. Members of Philharmonic Orchestra have the opportunity to participate in the Musical Pit Orchestra, District 211 Orchestras, IMEA District 7 Regional and All-State Festival Orchestras, solo/ensemble festival, and the spring orchestra trip.

**Fremd Symphony Orchestra** is intended for students who have demonstrated a high level of technical and musical proficiency on a string instrument through an audition with the instructor. Students must be comfortable with many bowing techniques, vibrato, and the upper positions; violists need to be familiar with treble clef, cellists and bassists with treble and tenor clef. Woodwind, brass and percussion players are selected from the Wind Symphony. This orchestra performs advanced level string and full orchestra repertoire. Many of these students have been selected to be members of the Musical Pit Orchestra, any of the District 211 Orchestras, IMEA District 7 Regional and All-State Festival Orchestras, solo/ensemble festival, and the spring orchestra trip.

## DO I HAVE TO AUDITION FOR THE FREMD ORCHESTRAS?

All new students must audition for the Fremd Orchestras in March. Because there are three different levels, we want to make sure that you are placed into the appropriate group. You will be asked to play a prepared piece, scales and sightreading. Auditions take place in April.

## WHEN DOES ORCHESTRA REHEARSE?

All orchestras meet during the school day as a regular scheduled class. There are also a few evening dress rehearsals as we prepare for concerts.

## DO I GET CREDIT FOR ORCHESTRA?

Students enrolled in orchestra receive one full academic credit per year, with all four credits being applied toward graduation.

## DO I GET A GRADE IN ORCHESTRA?

Orchestra students get letter grades just as they do in any other academic class. The grade received also counts toward honor roll and class rank. Grades are given for weekly sectionals, written work, and a daily grade is given based on the student's participation in the daily orchestra rehearsals.

## WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ORCHESTRA ACTIVITIES?

In addition to playing a minimum of 3-5 concerts per year, orchestra students participate in the Solo and Ensemble Night, Variety Show, Musical Pit Orchestra, the District ensembles mentioned above, and play-out chamber groups for the school and community.

## WHAT ABOUT PRIVATE LESSONS?

Private lessons are available on all instruments during the school day from highly qualified specialists. Lessons may be taken during study halls and lunch periods. These lessons are in addition to lessons and sectionals provided by the District staff. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to study with professionals on their respective instruments.

## You won't want to miss these upcoming concerts:

December 8	Winter Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m., Fremd High School Auditorium
February 13	Honors Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m., Fremd High School (Admission: \$2)
February 25	Chamber Ensemble Festival
April 9	Concerto/Aria Concert, 7 p.m., Fremd Auditorium
May 25	Senior Recognition Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m. Fremd Auditorium
Aug. 20-22	20th Annual Fall Chamber Music Retreat at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Great event for all incoming freshmen! More info. will be sent home in April.

Check out our website: [www.fhs.d211.org/departments/music](http://www.fhs.d211.org/departments/music)

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## Why Music ???

A violinist since the age of six, Albert Einstein was frequently seen dashing around Princeton with instrument case in tow, heading to a rehearsal or performance. Einstein often listened to classical music when faced with difficult scientific problems, his favorites being Bach and Mozart. Einstein's passion for music is evident in his remarks: "I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I get most joy in life out of music."

*Experience the joy of music! Stay involved with orchestra!*