

# Reading Symphony Junior String Orchestra

## Responsibilities and Expectations of RSJSO Members

Students: Please initial each item to show that you have read it.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Demonstrate commitment to your orchestra by attending regularly and by always being in the rehearsal hall no later than fifteen minutes before the start of the rehearsal, so that rehearsal can begin promptly at 9:30 am without the disruption of latecomers. Rehearsals will end at 11:30 am.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Membership in the RSJSO is a privilege. That privilege can be withdrawn for lack of application, poor behavior, persistent talking during rehearsals, or excessive absenteeism.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Three unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the orchestra. Students will be called at home if they miss a rehearsal without an excuse. Absences shall be reported to the general manager, Craig Carpenter at 610-370-5084 before the rehearsal. Please leave a message.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. RSJSO is based in Berks County. Students from other counties are welcome to audition. However, rehearsal locations may not be convenient for those traveling a distance and all RSJSO members have the same attendance policy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. You will receive your music at the first rehearsal. Members are required to take music home to practice. There shall be no assigned folders left in the rehearsal hall after rehearsals. Take your orchestra music to your private teacher if necessary.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Rehearsals are not practice – practice your music at home and come to rehearsals knowing your music. You may be asked to demonstrate for the entire orchestra, so come prepared.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Bring a pencil and a music stand to all rehearsals.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Lost or damaged music will be replaced at the cost of replacement and at the expense of the responsible individual.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Make careful note of all rehearsal dates and locations in your personal calendar when you receive you schedule.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Concert dress:  
Boys: black suit or tuxedo, white shirt, black bow tie, black shoes and black socks.  
Girls: long (floor length) black dress, or long black skirt and black blouse, black stockings and black shoes. No 'spaghetti strap' blouses or revealing dresses.

I have read and understand the responsibilities of the RSJSO and agree to abide by these guidelines.

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Please return this sheet, a tuition check in the amount of \$105, and the publicity consent form by October 16, 2007. Checks should be made payable to: The Reading Symphony Orchestra. Mail to:

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