

Instrumental Ensembles Handbook

2009-2010



Lawrence Academy of Music

Lawrence University Conservatory of Music
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Lawrence Academy of Music provides the highest caliber music instruction and performances for persons of every age, ability, and background while encouraging love of music, fostering creative expression, and promoting personal enrichment.

A division of the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music in Appleton, Wisconsin, Lawrence Academy of Music has been in existence since 1874. Its colorful history includes being a preparatory school in the early 1900s before a public high school was available in Appleton. Established as a not-for-profit community music school, the Academy became a certified member of the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts in 1983. We currently serve almost 1,900 individuals from 1,600 families from all over Northeast Wisconsin.

The Academy seeks both to prepare pre-college students for possible careers in music and to guide students who pursue the study of music as part of a lifetime of musical enjoyment. In addition, it enhances the cultural life of the community by presenting students and faculty in performances that are open to the public.

Academy Office Staff Directory

Academy of Music Director:	Fred Snyder	832-6635
Administrative Assistant:	Sara Rezin	993-6278
Registrar/Receptionist:	Ellen Skinner	832-6632
Girl Choir Coordinator:	Sue Hahn	832-7038

Attendance Policy

Our goal of performing music to the best of each ensemble's ability can only be realized with the commitment of all members. Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and commit to the ensemble for the entire year. We believe that the rehearsal process is as important as the final concert, and is often where the most meaningful musical experiences happen.

Excused absences will be allowed for illness, required school events, and family emergencies. Where conflicts between school music performances and weekly Academy rehearsals occur, school performances take precedence. Parents are asked to contact the Academy as soon as possible when rehearsal conflicts arise. This will help the ensemble directors make the most of each rehearsal.

In case of any absence, please e-mail or call the ensemble manager or the Academy *prior* to rehearsal, to be excused.

Report an absence:

acad_music@lawrence.edu or 920-993-6278

Members who have more than two absences per semester will:

1. perform concerts only with the conductor's permission, and may . . .
2. be required to demonstrate their knowledge of the music during a meeting with the conductor.

Attendance at dress rehearsals prior to all concerts is mandatory. Members of any ensemble who miss a dress rehearsal may not perform in the corresponding concert.

In case of inclement weather, a posting on the Academy website (www.lawrence.edu/dept/acad_music) will list cancellations. Each ensemble will have a phone tree that will be activated when a rehearsal is canceled. In addition, members who have supplied e-mail addresses will receive notification via e-mail.

Eligibility

Because the Academy ensembles are a supplement to the school-based music programs in the area, all participants in the programs must be enrolled in their school music program, when available.

Code of Conduct

Acceptance into the Academy ensembles is a privilege shared by all members. In order to create a safe learning environment that promotes the highest-level performance, musicians are required to behave appropriately at all times. In addition to learning music, the musicians are also learning appropriate rehearsal skills including:

- ♩ Arrive on time with music and materials. Please do not arrive for rehearsals more than 20 minutes before rehearsal begins, as there is no supervision before that time. Also, please be prompt in picking up your child from rehearsals.
- ♩ Be respectful of the conductor, manager, other ensemble members, music and the rehearsal facilities. No hats during rehearsal. Turn off cell phones.
- ♩ Be attentive during rehearsals.
- ♩ Practice ensemble music at home.

It is expected that every member will conduct themselves in a mature and responsible manner while participating in this program.

The Role of Parents/Guardians

The involvement of parents and guardians is crucial to the functioning of the Academy ensembles. Tuition is kept affordable with parent volunteers assisting with tasks such as helping with rehearsals and concerts, chaperoning tours and fund raising, etc.

Parents are responsible for checking folders each week for memos.

Fees and Financial Aid

Fees are listed under each ensemble.

Payment schedule: A non-refundable deposit is due June 1, 2009. The remaining balance may be paid in full by August 31, or in three installments due August 31, October 15, and November 15. If you choose the installment method, there will be a one-time installment fee of \$8.00.

All ensemble fees for the year are due prior to the fall concert and are refundable only for family emergency or moving outside the region. Students whose payments are in arrears may not perform with their ensemble.

When additional fees for tours are necessary, fund raising opportunities will be provided.

Payment may be made by credit card or check made payable to Lawrence Academy of Music.

Payments should be sent to:
Lawrence Academy of Music
P.O. Box 599
Appleton, WI 54912-0599.

Financial Assistance: It is our goal that no motivated student who has a serious desire to pursue musical studies be denied such opportunity due to family financial circumstances. Need-based tuition assistance is available. Call the Academy office at 920-832-6632 for information and forms.

Concert Tickets

Tickets will be available two weeks in advance of each concert and on performance days at the Lawrence University box office. All seats are general admission.

The box office is located next to Stansbury Theater in the Music Drama Center and is open Monday - Saturday, 12:30-5:30 pm. The box office follows the Lawrence University academic schedule, and is closed during finals and breaks. Please call the box office at (920) 832-6749 before you come.

Withdrawal Policy

Your non-refundable deposit indicates your commitment for the entire year. All fees are due prior to the fall concert and are refundable only for family emergency or moving out of the area.



Academy String Orchestra

The Academy String Orchestra (ASTRO) is an ensemble of about 60 talented and motivated string players, grades five through eight, who prepare and perform orchestral music at a high level. Emphases include the development of reading and ensemble skills. ASTRO's schedule includes a weekly rehearsal, group sectionals and two performances a year.

Conductor: Janet Bond Sutter

Manager: Ann Hada 920-830-2853 (jah8018@sbcglobal.net)

Auditions: Spring, for string players in grades 4-7

Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.* - 5:45 p.m.

*Arrive by 4:15 for tuning

Trinity Lutheran Church auditorium

209 S. Allen Street, Appleton

September 15 – November 17

January 5– March 9

Report an Absence: Email Ann Hada (jah8018@sbcglobal.net) or the Academy at acad_music@lawrence.edu or call (920) 993-6278 *before* rehearsal.

Dress Rehearsals: Lawrence Memorial Chapel

Attendance is mandatory.

(No concert attire necessary for dress rehearsal.)

- Saturday, November 21, 9:30 a.m.
- Saturday, March 13, 1:00 p.m.

Concerts: Lawrence Memorial Chapel

Members report at 2:30 p.m.

- Sunday, November 22, 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 14, 3:00 p.m.

Tuition

\$175.00 per year

\$50.00 non-refundable deposit due June 1, 2009

The remaining balance may be paid in full by August 31, 2009, or in three installments due August 31, October 15 and November 15.

Once your deposit is received, you will receive a bill for the remaining payments. If you choose the installment method, there will be an installment fee of \$8.00.

Please make checks payable to Lawrence Academy of Music.

Students whose payments are in arrears may not perform with their groups.

Concert Dress

White shirt, elbow-length sleeves or longer (no T-shirts).

Turtleneck, mock turtleneck or collared shirts are acceptable.

Black or dark slacks (no jeans) or skirt, knee length or longer when seated. Ties are not required, but suggested.

Violinists, please have an extra E string in your case.

Cellists/bassists, please have a rock stop.

Music

Each member will be assigned a music bag and folder containing music. *Bags and all music are the property of the Lawrence Academy of Music and are to be returned in good condition at the end of the season or when the student leaves the ensemble.* Lost or damaged music will be billed to the owner of the folder.

Two sharpened pencils should be kept inside the folder at all times. Parents, please check the folder after each rehearsal for important notes.

Bags and folders must come to all rehearsals!

Symphonic Band

The Symphonic Band is an ensemble of about 50 woodwind, brass and percussion players in grades 7-9. The Symphonic Band provides talented musicians the opportunity to perform challenging band literature with other motivated students. The Symphonic Band schedule includes weekly rehearsals, two performances a year, group sectionals and touring opportunities.

Conductor: Dr. Jon Meyer

Manager: Alexv Rolfe (alex.j.rolfe@lawrence.edu)

Auditions: Spring, for musicians entering grades 7-9

Retreat: Date: Wednesday, August 26

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Location: Shattuck Hall, Room 163,
Lawrence Conservatory

Rehearsals: Mondays 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

September 21 – November 16

January 4 – March 8

Room 156, Shattuck Hall, Lawrence Conservatory

Report an Absence: Email Alexv Rolfe at

alex.j.rolfe@lawrence.edu and the Academy at
acad_music@lawrence.edu or call (920) 993-6278
before rehearsal.

Dress Rehearsals: Lawrence Memorial Chapel

Attendance is mandatory.

(No concert attire necessary for dress rehearsal.)

- Saturday, November 21, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Concerts: Lawrence Memorial Chapel

Members report by 6:30 p.m. (percussion at 6:15)

- Sunday, November 22, 7:00p.m.
- Sunday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.

Fees

\$208.00 per year

\$50.00 non-refundable deposit due June 1, 2009

The remaining balance may be paid in full by August 31, 2009, or in three installments due August 31, October 15 and November 15.

Once your deposit is received, you will receive a bill for the remaining payments. If you choose the installment method, there will be an installment fee of \$8.00.

Please make checks payable to Lawrence Academy of Music.

Students whose payments are in arrears may not perform with their groups.

Concert Dress

Members of the Symphonic Band are to dress in all-black or black bottoms and a white shirt, elbow-length sleeves or longer (no T-shirts). Turtleneck, mock turtleneck or collared shirts are acceptable. Pants or skirts should be dressy. Skirts/dresses should be knee-length or longer when seated; low heels are appropriate. Ties are not required, but suggested. No jeans or tennis shoes or excessive jewelry.

Music and Supplies

Each member will be assigned a folder containing music. *All music is the property of the Lawrence Academy of Music and is to be returned at the end of the season or when the student leaves the ensemble.* Lost or damaged music will be billed to the owner of the folder.

Trumpet and trombone players will need a straight mute. Percussionists will receive a list of suggested sticks and mallets.

Two sharpened pencils should be kept inside the folder at all times. Parents, please check the folder after each rehearsal for important notes.

Folders must come to all rehearsals!

Wind Ensemble

The Wind Ensemble is an ensemble of about 60 wind and percussion players in grades nine through twelve. The Wind Ensemble provides talented musicians the opportunity to perform challenging band literature on a very high level. The Wind Ensemble schedule includes weekly rehearsals, two performances a year, group sectionals and touring opportunities.

Conductor: Dr. Laura Sindberg

Manager: Stacey Stoltz (stacey.a.stoltz@lawrence.edu)

Auditions: Spring, for musicians entering grades 9-12

Retreat: Date: Thursday, August 27

Time: 8:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Location: Shattuck Hall, Room 163,
Lawrence Conservatory

Rehearsals: Mondays 7:05 p.m. - 9:05 p.m.

September 21 – November 16

January 4 – March 8,

Room 163, Shattuck Hall, Lawrence Conservatory

Report an Absence: Email Stacey Stoltz at stacey.a.stoltz@lawrence.edu and the Academy at acad_music@lawrence.edu or call (920) 993-6278 before rehearsal

Dress Rehearsals: Lawrence Memorial Chapel

Attendance is mandatory.

(No concert attire necessary for dress rehearsal)

- Saturday, November 21, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 13, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Concerts: Lawrence Memorial Chapel

Members report by 6:30 p.m. (percussion at 6:15)

- Sunday, November 22, 7:00p.m.
- Sunday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.

Fees

\$275.00 per year

\$50.00 non-refundable deposit due June 1, 2009

The remaining balance may be paid in full by August 31, 2009, or in three installments due August 31, October 15 and November 15.

Once your deposit is received, you will receive a bill for the remaining payments. If you choose the installment method, there will be an installment fee of \$8.00.

Please make checks payable to the Lawrence Academy of Music. Students whose payments are in arrears may not perform with their groups.

Concert Dress

Members of the Wind Ensemble are to dress in all-black or black bottoms and a white shirt. Gentlemen should wear a collared white long-sleeved shirt with a tie and may wear suits or black sport coats as well. Pants or skirts should be dressy. Skirts/dresses should be knee-length or longer when seated; low heels are appropriate. No jeans or tennis shoes or excessive jewelry.

Music

Each member will be assigned a folder containing music. *All music is the property of the Lawrence Academy of Music and is to be returned at the end of the season or when the student leaves the ensemble.* Lost or damaged music will be billed to the owner of the folder.

Two sharpened pencils should be kept inside the folder at all times.

Folders must come to all rehearsals!

Announcements

Students will frequently bring home informational handouts. Parents are asked to check folders, and students are encouraged to share rehearsal information with their parents. Important information and rehearsal notes from Dr. Sindberg will be shared via email frequently.

