

2018 – 2019 Guild Elementary Performing Arts

Mission Statement

The mission of Guild Performance Ensembles is to provide developmentally appropriate musical experiences to identified musically exceptional students in grades 3-5. Musically exceptional students are MUSICIANS who have been honored with the opportunity to accelerate their musical skills in a performing ensemble. With this honor, comes a high degree of expectation for you to better yourself and your peers.

Expectations for Guild Ensembles

Readiness Expectations:

1. Attendance Policy – The Guild Performance Ensemble should be a priority in scheduling extracurricular activities. Students and parents will have ample (6-8 weeks) notification of all performances. On average, the ensembles performs 2-3 times throughout the year. All performances are REQUIRED. Only students missing performances for death of family members, “family emergencies”, etc... will be excused from any performance.

2. Promptness – Members should arrive to practice no later than 7:00AM on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday for Orff Ensemble and 7am Friday morning for choir. CHOIR students will be staying after school on Monday until 3:30 pm for rehearsal Attendance will be taken, starting at 7:05. If tardiness becomes consistent, a conference will need to be scheduled with the parent/guardian.

Information For Guild Ensemble Parents

Registration

Registration forms and fees are due by Wednesday September 19th. The registration fee for a NEW member is \$35. This will cover the cost of music, shirt, and a field trip.

The registration for a returning member (already has a shirt) is \$25. This includes fee for music and a field trip. *If a returning student needs a new shirt, the registration fee will be \$35.* The registration fee should be paid before October 4th. **Shirts will be ordered 8:00AM, October 12th.*

Uniforms

The members will wear uniforms this year. This brings a sense of unity; visually, socially, and musically to the performers. Parents and students are responsible for all parts of the uniform including the Guild Music Shirt and Khaki pants. I recommend that when shopping you keep in mind the students will be wearing the uniforms for the entire school year. Uniforms should be complete by the end of October.

Communication

I will be using the Remind app to communicate with you via text message to make sure you are updated when schedules change due to sickness or weather. I will add you all in by phone number using the information provided in the registration form. You are also welcome to email me at the address below.

Rehearsal Schedule

This year, we will have 3 practices per week, Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays at 7am for Orff Ensemble and Mondays AFTER school 2:30-3:30 and Friday Mornings at 7am for Choir. *If a student's bus is not scheduled to arrive at Guild until after 7:00, it is recommended, but not required, that the student be a "car rider" on days that we have rehearsals, to insure that they are on time.* Students will be released to go to their rooms at 7:30. Choir students need to be picked up by 3:45 on Monday afternoons

Performances

This year's performances will include but not limited to:

- Christmas Concerts – Night performance for family/parents at Guild
- Talent Show – Performance during school day and a night performance for family/parents.
- Community Concerts – Performances coordinated through the mayor's office, requested by local businesses, National Anthem provided for special events, etc...

Field Trip

A field trip for all students will also be planned. Past field trips have included trips to the Nashville Symphony, The Country Music Hall of Fame, and The Ryman Auditorium., and the Grand ole' Opry. This will give our students and enriching experience and expose them to professional musicians in different genres of music.

I am very excited to be working with your students and look forward to meeting all of you in the future. If you would like to volunteer to help with an event (i.e. set up, or working a fundraiser) please email me and we will see what we can do!

Communication:

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Guild Ensemble Registration Form

Classroom Teacher: _____

Student's Name: _____

Ensemble (Circle One): Choir Orff Ensemble Both

Shirt Size:

Child: S M L **Adult:** S M L XL XXL

_____ New Student (\$35)

_____ New Student using a past member's/sibling's shirt (\$25)

_____ Returning Member + New Shirt (\$35)

_____ Returning Member + No New Shirt Needed (\$25)

_____ **Cash** _____ **Check Number**

Email: _____

Home phone: () _____

Cell phone: () _____

Parent Signature:

I, _____, have read the following membership packet and

(Print Name)

understand all rules, regulations, and the attendance policy specified in this packet.

Parent Signature - _____

Date - _____