



**2012 CJMEA Elementary Honors Orchestra**  
**Woodbridge High School - Woodbridge, NJ**  
**Saturday, March 31, 2012**  
**9:00am- 3:00pm**

The CJMEA Elementary Honors Orchestra festival is a wonderful opportunity for your more highly motivated instrumentalists to play in a large, full-instrumentation string orchestra, playing with students of comparable skill. It is a low pressure and a low commitment opportunity, as there are no auditions and the event only requires one day.

Students must be recommended by their orchestra directors, and we will form up to 3 string orchestras from these recommendations. The size and number of string orchestras will be based upon the response we receive. We will do our best to accept all students who are recommended, but there are limits as to how many students we can accept. **Directors must commit to the day of the event, and must attend and assist with logistics at the event.** Should any director relinquish this responsibility, that school will not be permitted to participate in such events in the future.

Students will arrive at the site at 9:00 a.m. and the string orchestra(s) will rehearse in the morning. Students will eat lunch around 12:00 p.m. before rehearsing again and presenting their concert at 2:30 p.m. All participants will receive T-shirts to be worn for the concert, and all participants must bring a folding music stand as well. Students will need to bring a bagged lunch

There may be a limit on the number of people the students may invite to the concert based on participation. Details will be communicated to students with their acceptance letters, which will also include directions to the site. **The nominal participation fee will be \$20.00 and must be sent in upon receipt of the acceptance letter (send only one director's check made out to "CJMEA"-parent checks will not be accepted). Please do not send checks until you have received notice of student acceptance.** This fee will cover the music, T-shirt, and administrative/production costs. Please do confirm whether students are available on the date but do not collect any money before you have received written notification of acceptance.

Students in grades four through six are eligible. All students must be members in good standing of their own school orchestra. Rank your students 1 to 3+ by musical ability. An explanation of each of these levels is as follows:

<b>3+</b>	These students should be at <b>the end of Method Book 3</b> (experience with 16 <sup>th</sup> notes, 6/8 time and a mature tone concept- an exceptional 6 <sup>th</sup> Grader)
<b>3</b>	These students should be in <b>the middle of Method Book 3</b>
<b>3-</b>	These students should be at <b>the beginning of Method Book 3</b> . Violins and Violas in 3 <sup>rd</sup> position. Cello's in 4 <sup>th</sup> position.
<b>2+</b>	These students should be at <b>the end of Method Book 2</b>
<b>2</b>	These students should be in <b>the middle of Method Book 2</b> . Extensions for Cello.
<b>2-</b>	These students should be at <b>the beginning of Method Book 2</b> . Playing in the keys of D,G, and C.
<b>1+</b>	These are beginner students in <b>Method Book 1</b> that are more advanced for their level. Playing of the keys of D and G
<b>1</b>	These are beginner students in <b>Method Book 1</b> that are excelling. Playing in the key of D

If response demands more than 1 string orchestra, we will try to separate the string orchestra(s) by playing ability. The highest orchestra should be able to play Grade 2 literature. Please be accurate with your ranking. You are not required to submit 16 names, just your best students. If you are a teacher that teaches in more than one school, you can submit a total of 16 names combined, not 16 names per school. Remember, we are looking to create balanced orchestras. You may nominate a maximum of 8 violins. This is to ensure a balanced representation of all the string instruments. Viola, cello, and bass are typically in demand.

**Include a copy of your current MENC membership card and return the completed form postmarked by Friday, February 10, 2012 (forms submitted after this date will not be accepted) by mail to:**

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