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NSYWE Policies and Contract

2023-2024 Season Dates (subject to change)

FALL 2023

NSYWE Rehearsal Weekend
September 22, 23, 24
Horton High School, Wolfville, NS

NSYWE Rehearsal Weekend
October 13, 14, 15
Central Kings Rural High School, Cambridge, NS

NSYWE Rehearsal and Concert Weekend
November 3, 4, 5
C. P. Allen High School, Bedford, NS

WINTER 2024

NSYWE Rehearsal Weekend, January 5, 6 & 7
Dartmouth Music Centre, Dartmouth, NS

NSYWE Rehearsal Weekend, January 19, 20 & 21
Bay View High School, Tantallon, NS

NSYWE Rehearsal and Concert Weekend, February 9, 10, 11
Acadia Festival Theatre, Wolfville, NS
NSYWE and our guests The Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy

Contract

Please sign the contract as required; your parent/guardian must also sign and initial the contract for any member under the age of 19 by Sept. 22, 2023.

Keep a copy of the completed contract and give the cut and signed bottom portion of the contract to Hope Gendron on the first rehearsal weekend.

Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble Policies

NSYWE and Illness/COVID-19

Some policies and restrictions may be in place for your safety.
All information and instructions will be in a separate document before each rehearsal.

Attendance

To achieve maximum benefit of my participation in the Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble, I will attend all rehearsals, sectionals, and concert performances. If a conflict arises that would make me arrive late or not at all, I must request permission from Hope Gendron by e-mail (nsywe@eastlink.ca) or text (902-497-3297) as soon as I become aware of the conflict.

I will be considered to have arrived late if I am not seated and ready to play **15 minutes before** the rehearsal start time. As soon as I determine that I will arrive late, I will text Hope Gendron (902-497-3297) immediately to explain my delay. If I cannot explain my late arrival to the NSYWE's satisfaction on two separate occasions, I could be taken off the NSYWE roster, with no refund of registration fees.

School Band Program

NSYWE members attending public school should be a member in good standing of their school band program. Participation in NSYWE is not a substitute for a school band program.

Exceptions may be considered if a student:

- a. has no band program at their school
- b. is unable to participate in their school band program due to course conflicts.
- c. has exceptional circumstances, beyond the control of the student, that prevents them from being a member of their school band program.

A student choosing not to participate in their school band program may not be eligible for membership in the NSYWE.

Other NSYWE Policies and Procedures

Communication

I will keep NSYWE informed about any changes to my residence, cellphone, and e-mail address changes. I will monitor the NSYWE website and my e-mail for important updates from the ensemble.

Being Prepared for Rehearsals and Concerts

It is my responsibility to practice my parts before rehearsals and concerts, and to arrive at least 15 minutes early for rehearsals and concerts with my instrument and music. Failure to do so could result in my being asked to re-audition before continuing with the ensemble. If my re-audition is unsatisfactory, I may be removed from the ensemble without any refund of my registration fees.

Music

When NSYWE's music is available, I will receive an e-mail indicating where I can download my parts. If I do not receive such a message at least one week before rehearsal, I will e-mail Hope Gendron (nsywe@eastlink.ca)

Concert Dress (UNISEX)

- Option 1: Black tuxedo, white shirt, black bow tie, black dress shoes, and black socks
- Option 2: Black suit jacket, black dress pants, black dress shirt, black tie, black socks, black shoes.
- Option 3: Black long sleeve dress shirt, black dress pants, **(no denim, no yoga pants)**, black tie, black socks, black shoes.
- Option 4: Floor-length or knee length black skirt, long-sleeved black blouse, black/dark pantyhose/tights, black dress shoes,
- Option 5: Floor-length or knee length black dress, black/dark pantyhose/tights, black dress shoes.

No décolletage, bare shoulders, necklines, or midriffs. Simple jewelry. Open-toed shoes or sandals are acceptable with dark stockings or pantyhose.

I will not wear scented products to rehearsals or concerts.

(Members who do not have some of these concert items nor the funds to buy them should speak to one of the committee members; some assistance may be available. Any questions regarding concert dress appropriateness should be directed to Hope Gendron, nsywe@eastlink.ca)

Behaviour

I understand that the Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble, its volunteer committee, and conductor are a team. Like any team, there is a high expectation of mutual respect for each other, for the music and for the rules. I am responsible for learning the music and for maintaining a high standard of rehearsal etiquette and keeping my musical instrument in the best possible shape.

Transportation and Accommodation

I understand that travel and accommodation arrangements are the responsibility of me and my family. Any problems with transportation and/or accommodations should be communicated to Hope Gendron as soon as possible before a rehearsal weekend.

A Transportation program to help students with the cost of long-distance travel and accommodations are being addressed by the NSYWE committee. More information will be provided as soon as it is confirmed.

Cell Phones

Cell phones **are not permitted** in the rehearsal hall or on stage, either in your pocket or on your music stand. It is disrespectful to the conductor and other members of the ensemble for you to be constantly checking your cell phone. It is advisable to turn you phone off and place it in your instrument case during rehearsal. You may be asked to leave rehearsal if persistent cell phone use is a problem.

Payment of Fees

I will pay my registration fees (\$300) in full, before or during the September rehearsal weekend (first rehearsal weekend in October for people who attend the September weekend as a probationary member.) Payment can be made by cash, cheque (payable to the Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble), and e-mail transfer. Credit card payment will be available at the first rehearsal. Anyone needing extended payments should contact Hope Gendron.

Cheques payable to the NSYWE, cash, credit cards or email transfers to nsywe@eastlink.ca will be accepted at the first rehearsal weekend.

NSYWE registration fees cover expenses associated with our six full weekends of rehearsals and concerts, such as conductor's costs and expenses, clinicians, rehearsal and performance facilities, snacks, equipment rentals, music, social events, and a T-shirt.

(Cut, sign and return to Hope Gendron on the first NSYWE rehearsal weekend.)

I have read the above requirements and understand that as a member of the Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble, I am obliged to follow them; failure to do so could result in my removal from the ensemble.

Member's Name _____
(Please Print)

Member's Instrument _____

Member's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent's Signature _____ **Date** _____
(required if the member is under 19 years of age)

Please sign and return to Hope Gendron; make a copy for your files. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Hope Gendron at nsywe@eastlink.ca. THANK YOU