

Wind, String, and Percussion Results 2023

Dear Director,

Congratulations to you and your students for an excellent audition session. The Executive Committee appreciates your assistance at auditions. You were emailed the results of the Winds, Strings, and Percussion auditions and a letter to be distributed to all students accepted for the All South Jersey Organizations. Please check for your students in the results listing. Score sheets will be scanned and emailed to you next week.

In the High School wind and percussion assignments, O is for Orchestra, SB is for Symphonic Band, and WE is for Wind Ensemble. All Junior High Strings are in String Ensemble. Violin seating will be posted at the first rehearsal.

***Attention directors of seniors:** Please be aware that any student wishing to apply for the SJBODA scholarship will need a recommendation letter from a teacher. Students will need these before many of you have returned from winter break. Please discuss this with your students and plan accordingly. The scholarship application can be found on the SJBODA website and must be submitted online by Dec. 31st.*

The first rehearsal will be Saturday, Dec. 16th at Cinnaminson HS. Wind Ensemble will rehearse from 9AM-11:45AM and Orchestra, Symphonic Band, and String Ensemble will rehearse from 9AM until 3PM. Winds and percussion only in Orchestra do not have to report until noon. Music will be distributed at that rehearsal. Chamber Ensembles will have a short meeting at noon to pick up music. **All students accepted into an organization must attend for the entire rehearsal time. Please remind your students of the rehearsal and performance dates for their ensembles and emphasize that attendance at all of every rehearsal is required of every member.**

The only excused absences are family calamity or personal illness verified by a medical doctor's WRITTEN EXCUSE. ***All absences must be called in to the region phone (609-457-0590) **prior to the start of the rehearsal to be missed.**

ATTENDANCE NOTE: Absence from any part of the Saturday afternoon rehearsal on the performance weekends (Jan. 6 or Jan. 13) *for ANY reason* will prevent the student from participating in that weekend's concert.

Students are to bring the following items to rehearsal: Instruments, folding music stands, and pencils. Percussion instruments will be provided, but students must provide their own mallets and sticks. MUSIC STANDS are required as spacing will not allow for stand sharing. **Folding stands will be available for purchase at the rehearsal.**

Food will be available for purchase at the Cinnaminson rehearsal only. Food is not available at Rowan. Students should bring snacks or lunches to all rehearsals. Please remind your students that no one is permitted to leave the rehearsal site for lunch, even if they are 18 years old.

Concert tickets may be purchased at any of the Rowan rehearsals. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.

The dress requirements for the concerts are:

Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble: Boys-dark suit and dark tie, white shirt
Girls - all black

High School Orchestra: Boys-dark suit and bow tie, white shirt
Girls - all black

Junior High String Ensemble Boys-dark suit and tie, white shirt
Girls-white top and black bottom

There will be a string meeting on Friday, January 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Rowan University. The next General Membership meeting of the SJBODA will be held on Friday, January 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Rowan University.

If you have questions or concerns about auditions or results, please contact Phil Senseney at 609-513-3677 or email to: sjauditions@gmail.com.

Re-auditions:

Re-auditions for the following instruments will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16th at 9:15AM at Cinnaminson. Audition requirements are the same as the regular auditions and **registration must be completed on-line by Friday, Dec. 15th.** The registration form link is in the student audition information letter on the website. Students must also complete **the signature** form. If they completed a signature form for the December audition they do NOT need a new one, but they will need the \$10 audition fee. The form is accessed through the link at the end of the application, from the link in the student confirmation email, and is in your director audition packet letter (on the website). Students must have the completed form and the \$10 registration fee with them to audition. If the student was registered for Dec. 9th, we will have their signature form and a new one is not necessary. Students who re-audition and are accepted will be expected to attend the remainder of the rehearsal on the 16th. Again, direct any re-audition questions to Phil Senseney at: sjauditions@gmail.com.

Instruments to be re-auditioned:

For Orchestra weekend: MS viola (5), MS bass (4), HS viola (4), HS bass, Oboe (1), English Horn (1), Bassoon (2),

For Band weekend: Eng Horn(2), Eb Clarinet (1), Bassoon (4), Alto Clarinet (4), Contra Clarinet (1)

Please distribute the student information portion of this letter to each student who was accepted or who plans to attend re-auditions. This letter will also be posted on the region web site along with the audition results.

Thank you again for giving your time for the benefit of our students.

Susan Mark, President, SJBODA
Philip Senseney, Auditions Procedures Chair

Student Information Letter - December 9, 2023

Dear South Jersey Band/Orchestra/Chamber Ensemble Member,

Congratulations on your successful audition. The 2024 All South Jersey Ensembles should prove to be of exceptional quality. We hope that you will have a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. Please read this letter carefully as it includes much pertinent information concerning your participation in the ensembles.

You should plan to bring your instrument, a music stand, and pencil to all rehearsals. Food will be available for purchase at the Cinnaminson rehearsal. Food is **not** available at Rowan. You will be responsible for bringing a lunch or snack. Music will be distributed at the Dec. 16th rehearsal at Cinnaminson HS. Following the concert, your music will be collected, at which time you will receive your award medal. You must turn in your music in order to receive your medal.

Concert tickets will be available for purchase at the Rowan weekend rehearsals. Prices are as follows:

Adults - \$10.00 Students - \$5.00

The following dress requirements will be in effect for the concerts:

Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble:	Boys-Dark Suit & Tie, White shirt Girls-All Black
High School Orchestra:	Boys-Dark Suit and Bow Tie, White shirt Girls-All Black
Junior High String Ensemble:	Boys-Dark Suit and Tie, white shirt Girls-White Top & Black Bottom

Please note that students are not permitted to leave the rehearsal sites for any reason until the rehearsal is completed. This includes any student 18 years of age or older. Members are required to attend all rehearsals on time and remain until the end of the rehearsal. The only acceptable excuses for absence are family calamity or illness verified by a doctor's note. If you have to miss you must call the region phone (609-457-0590) prior to the start of the rehearsal.

In the event of inclement weather, the schedule may be altered. Any changes will be available at 609-457-0590 or on the web site (www.sjboda.org). If the weather is questionable, check before you leave for the rehearsal. We will also email you and your directors at the email address provided at registration. Please encourage your students to register for the band app using the enclosed QR links for up-to-date announcements.

Please remember that our guest conductors expect a lot from you. You should arrive at the January rehearsals ready to play by the announced starting times. Please prepare your music prior to the rehearsals and come eager to learn and improve.

We will look forward to seeing you on Dec. 16th at Cinnaminson and, again, congratulations on a successful audition.

Rehearsal and Performance Schedules

Students must attend all rehearsals. The String ensemble, Orchestras, Symphonic Bands and Wind Ensemble rehearsal on December 16th is at Cinnaminson HS. All January rehearsals and concerts are in Wilson Hall at Rowan University and the Chamber ensemble location is Penns Grove High School. Directions to each of these schools will be on the SJBODA website.

Senior High Orchestra/Junior High String Ensemble Dates

Saturday, December 16, 2022	Rehearsal	Cinnaminson HS	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday, January 5, 2024	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday, January 6, 2024	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, January 7, 2024	Concert	Rowan University	TBA afternoon

Symphonic Bands/Wind Ensemble

Saturday, December 16, 2023	Rehearsal	Cinnaminson HS	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wind Ensemble is dismissed at 11:45			
Chamber Ensembles have a short meeting at noon			
Friday, January 12, 2024	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday, January 13, 2024	Rehearsal	Rowan University	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, January 14, 2024	Concert	Rowan University	TBA afternoon

Chamber Ensembles

Saturday, December 16, 2022	Meeting	Cinnaminson HS	Noon - 12:30PM
Wednesday, January 17, 2024	Rehearsal	Penns Grove HS	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Wednesday, January 24, 2024	Rehearsal	Penns Grove HS	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM <u>Snow Date</u>
Tuesday, February 6, 2024	Rehearsal	Penns Grove HS	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Wednesday, February 7, 2024	Concert	Penns Grove HS	6:30 rep./7:30 concert
Thursday, February 8, 2024	Concert	Snow Date - same times as February 7th concert	