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## Los Angeles Youth Orchestra Student/Parent Contract Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Semesters

**Parents and Students must read, understand, and sign this contract.**

I understand that playing in an orchestra requires team effort and cooperation between the musicians, instrumental coaches, and conductor. Realizing that we have limited rehearsals and that absences affect our preparation, I agree to be part of the team and to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **I agree to be present at all rehearsals.** I understand that I am allowed **TWO (2) absences** per semester and I agree to notify the Program Manager by email as soon as I know that I will or may be absent. **Excused absences may not be the mandatory dress rehearsal or concerts.** Failure to notify the Program Manager of absences or excess tardiness may result in dismissal from the orchestra.
2. **I understand that attendance for the entirety of all concerts and the dress rehearsal is mandatory** for students registered during a given semester.
3. **I understand that if at any time during the semester I discover a conflict that would prevent me attending either the mandatory dress rehearsal or concerts, I will no longer be allowed to participate in the orchestra and my tuition will not be refunded.**
4. **I agree to arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled rehearsal times** with my instrument, music, music stand, and pencil and to promptly find my seat, tune, warm-up and be ready to rehearse.
5. **I agree to continue taking private music lessons** so that my technique and musicianship grow with the orchestra.
6. **I agree to prepare the orchestra music to the best of my ability** both at home and with my private teacher.
7. **I agree to display mature, non-disruptive behavior at all times and to act respectfully** towards the conductor, coaches, and my fellow students.
8. **I agree to respect the conductor's decisions as final** in regard to ensemble and seating placement.
9. **I understand that to play in an orchestra is to be part of a team.** For the orchestra to succeed, I must practice the music and participate. As part of a team, I understand that I must be flexible and learn to perform the music in a way that produces the best "section sound" and follow the conductor's intentions.

10. I understand that bullying and activities detrimental to the safety of other orchestra members is unacceptable, and that engaging in such activities may result in immediate dismissal from the orchestra.
11. I understand that if I do not adhere to the guidelines stated above, I may be called in for review, required to reaudition and/or be subject to dismissal from the orchestra.

**For the FAMILIES: PLEASE INITIAL THE ITEMS BELOW**

\_\_\_\_\_ We agree to give TEN (10) hours of volunteer participation OR pay a \$200 Volunteer opt-out per semester.

\_\_\_\_\_ We agree to purchase/sell a minimum of TEN (10) tickets for the concerts per semester.

\_\_\_\_\_ We grant to LAYO, its representatives, and employees the right to take photographs and video of us and our property in connection with LAYO activities. We authorize LAYO and its assigns and transferees to copyright, use, and publish the same in print and/or electronically. We agree that LAYO may use such photographs and/or videos in perpetuity with or without our names and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, fundraising, and web/social media content.

The signatures below are verification that my family and I understand our commitment to the Los Angeles Youth Orchestra.

Student's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_