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November 14-15 2026 Northern Valley Youth Orchestras sound check /concert info

All activities Nov 14 & 15 are at the Empire Arts Center, 415 Demers Avenue.

Saturday, November 14th:

9:30 -10:45 am: final stage fix-it rehearsal for **PHILHARMONIC**

11:00 am- 12:30 pm: final stage fix-it rehearsal for **SYMPHONY**

Saturday is for fixing any remaining issues, to ensure that Sunday goes smoothly.

Sunday Nov 15th

SYMPHONY: Arrive 12:30 pm, photos w/ Behls available. Stage time 12:45 -2:00 pm.
Concert call: 3:30 pm, concert begins at 4.
PHILHARMONIC: Arrive 2:00 pm, photos available. Stage time 2:15 – 3:30 pm.
No auditorium access for audience until rehearsals/photos are done, around 3:30 pm.
Concert begins at 4:00 pm

NOTE: Performers need to be in CONCERT DRESS when they arrive for the sound check rehearsals. **Concert dress** is as specified on the policy online at www.nvyo.org/present-members and on the handout. *Please take time to read this policy carefully, and contact me with any concerns or questions.* **ALL concert clothing** is formal/dressy black, including footwear. (**One exception: a full black suit or tux, including the black jacket,** may be worn with a white shirt underneath.

We will use the blackbox area downstairs for cases/coats/backstage needs. Bass, tuba, harp may unpack upstairs backstage, PLEASE keep cases out of the traffic path. **Stage time** includes soundcheck/tech touchup rehearsal, and group photo, plus optional individual photos.

Sunday's sound check rehearsals are for orchestras to have a last chance to rehearse on the stage with concert lighting and tech, and run the music for the concert with mic sound checks, since we're recording the performance. We will also take closeup photos in concert wear, and a professional group photo. **Individual photos and orders are optional, taken by Behl's. Forms are available at rehearsal and on the website.** We will also take a HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS photo - all high school seniors should plan to stay for a few extra minutes for that group photo. HS seniors, college mentors, and conductors: please pose for an individual photo even if you are not ordering prints, so we have it on file.

Please invite friends and family to this exciting afternoon of music! Links for signing up to volunteer or provide reception treats are available online at bit.ly/NVYONov26 . **Tickets** are available at the door, pay what you can, $5 suggested minimum. No one will be denied admission.

Students remain with their orchestra throughout the concert. Just after the performance, there will be a brief annual meeting for voting members (includes parents of NVYO musicians) and a short reception. We expect the concert itself to be a little over an hour. We will record the performance, and we are planning to livestream on our Youtube channel. *No flash photography or video recording.*

Any weather-related announcements that occur in the next weeks will be posted on the www.nvyo.org website and social media, and an email will go out with any changes.

Thank you , Naomi Welsh, Executive Director, NVYO
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Concert Dress – Northern Valley Youth Orchestras

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The following is a guide to choosing attire for formal NVYO concerts/performances.

Goal: polished, unified orchestral appearance, no visual distractions from the performance.
Notes:

- **All concert dress items should be black**, with the exception of white shirt as part of a complete black tuxedo/suit. SHOES and SOCKS should be black.

- When NVYO's concert attire is presented as options, those are open to any musician. as long as the attire chosen blends in with the ensemble and is not distracting.

- NVYO has a limited number of “extra” concert dress items for students who need assistance with appropriate concert wear.

Please contact Naomi Welsh if you have any concerns or questions about concert dress.
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The goal is a unified and professional appearance, so no performer should stand out. ***No glitter, sequins, sparkles etc. please, as they are distracting in stage lights, photos and recorded video. Perfume. Strong hairspray, cologne can create problems with breathing for other performers. Please do not use.*** Please choose items that will be comfortable to perform in, however all clothing should be dressy, not casual/lounging attire. This includes no denim, athletic clothing, or sweatshirts/sweatpants.

We do want concert clothing to be affordable, for families to understand easily what is expected on stage, and for students to be able to determine the clothing choices that work best for them within the constraints of the dress code. Concert dress code is designed to ensure professionalism, an ensemble that appears uniform on stage, and assist with students’ ability to perform.

concert attire for all musicians:
a) all-black dressy clothing, **neck to feet,** see picture below (no denim/sweats, please)
- OR -
b) black tux or black suit (**including the black jacket**) with white or black shirt, black tie.
all musicians: black hose/socks/shoes - dressy footwear.
all musicians: NO glitter/sparkles/perfume
Here is a great graphic put together by our colleagues at the Chicago Youth Symphony! We echo their intent in providing these guidelines.



