



HYS+ (Online Program) 2020-2021 Season

Student Handbook

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Welcome!

Dear Student Musicians and Parents:

Congratulations and welcome to the Hawaii Youth Symphony's (HYS) 56th season. We commend your achievements in music and your year-long commitment to grow as a musician. Your presence affects absolutely everyone in the group.

We are excited that you have elected to join us in the inaugural year of HYS+ online programming. Although this program can't replicate the experience of playing together in person, we feel strongly that the curriculum and activities planned will help to develop your musical potential and acumen.

We ask that you come to these sessions fully prepared, with the same focus and positivity that you would bring to a rehearsal or performance.

Please read this handbook carefully and take its policies seriously. It covers our policies and procedures for attendance, participation, and more.

Thank you very much for signing up for HYS+! See you online!

With aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Wong".

Randy Wong
President

ABOUT HYS

Established as a non-profit organization in 1964, the Hawaii Youth Symphony promotes and celebrates the importance of music study on academic achievement and social-emotional development, through its mission to develop youth to their fullest potential through orchestral music. Its programs service youth through orchestral music education, performances and community engagement.

Who We Serve

HYS is a state-wide organization that includes students from more than 100 schools on different islands. Approximately 750 students, ages 7-18, enroll in HYS programs throughout the year. As one of the largest youth symphony programs in the country, HYS programs include three symphony orchestras (Symphony Program), four string orchestras (Academy Program), two jazz combos (HYS Jazz Program), and a general music, beginning band and violin class through our partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii (Music in the Clubhouse Program).

Nonprofit Status

The Hawaii Youth Symphony has been incorporated since 1964 and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

ABOUT HYS+ (Online Program)

Making its debut in the 2020-2021 school year, HYS+ is an online music program designed to engage students through creative and exploratory means. Thanks to generous support from the Marjorie H. Tanoue Fund and numerous other donors, HYS is able to offer this program at less than half the cost of what it takes to produce.

Symphony+

Recommended for middle & high school students with at least 3-4 years of large ensemble (band or orchestra) experience or private instruction and an ability to read music.

- Students will learn what makes music “work,” take part in interdisciplinary music projects, study orchestral repertoire with members of the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra, hone extra-musical skills, connect with community leaders, and attend performances by phenomenal artists who will perform especially for Symphony+.

Jazz+

- Students will explore many forms of contemporary improvised music, practice methods, approaches and perspectives, as well as practical application of music theory and ear training. Guest clinicians will include a broad range of artists, educators and business people. Students will perform for each other (sometimes together) online as well as collaborate on remote recording projects. No prior experience improvising is required, but simply a willingness to participate and try new things!

MasterClass

MasterClass and Hawaii Youth Symphony have come together to give HYS+ students a year of MasterClass for free!

Hawaii families who sign up for HYS+ will receive a no-cost All-Access pass to the entire MasterClass platform for one year (a \$180 value). An email will be sent to parents with directions on signing up. Master class requires that memberships be assigned to individuals over the age of 18 and requests that the All-

Access Pass be distributed to parents rather than directly to students. MasterClass produces their own content and HYS has no control over the available material. Parents are advised to monitor student use.

Founded in 2015, MasterClass is the streaming platform that makes it possible for anyone to learn from the best. With MasterClass, step into Itzhak Perlman’s violin studio, study jazz with Herbie Hancock, learn about film scoring from Hans Zimmer and Danny Elfman, songwriting from Carlos Santana, or music production from Timbaland and Deadmau5. And, there are hundreds of video lessons from 85+ of today’s most brilliant minds in business, society, culinary arts, film & tv, writing, design, photography, fashion, science & technology are available anytime, anywhere on iOS, Android, desktop, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android TV and Roku devices.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Schedule

Symphony+

Sundays, weekly between 9:30 am – 10:30 (or 11:00) am.

Please check the schedule for exact dates and end times.

Jazz+

Sundays, weekly between 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Please check the schedule for exact dates and end times.

Please plan to sign-on 5 minutes prior to the session. HYS staff will verify your name & email address before admitting you to the Zoom room.

Communication

HYS will communicate any necessary information to students and parents via email and text message. Phone numbers and email addresses will be automatically imported from your registration form.

- ***Email:*** A weekly email will be sent to all students and parents with the upcoming week’s session and any additional information from the HYS office. Please make sure to check your spam/junk mail and adjust your settings to ensure HYS emails are sent to your inbox.
- ***Text Message:*** HYS will use the Remind Classroom App to send out reminders, urgent information, and late changes. You do NOT need to download the app to receive these messages as you will receive them as a normal text message. Standard messaging and data rates may apply.

Attendance

HYS will not be taking attendance, however, students are highly encouraged to attend all HYS+ sessions. There are no refunds for sessions that you are unable to attend.

Equipment Needed:

- Computer, laptop, or tablet
- Dependable internet and wifi connection
- It is recommended to download the Zoom Video Communications Application (free). Please keep Zoom Application updated with the most recent updates. Those unable to download the Zoom App can join from browser.
- Headphones or ear buds to limit ambient noise (recommended)

Zoom Video Communications

- ***Invitation:*** Each week, students will receive an email containing information about that week's session and a Zoom invitation. Information will be sent to the email address provided on the HYS+ registration form.
- ***Zoom Profile Name:*** Students' Zoom profile name must be their first and last name provided on their registration. Any names that do not match with their registration will not be admitted into the Zoom Session.
- ***Zoom Profile Picture:*** Profile pictures are not required. Students are to refrain from having any inappropriate pictures as their zoom profile picture. HYS reserves the right to remove you from class if you do not comply. Repeated failure to comply will result in expulsion from HYS+.
- ***Mute:*** To ensure clear communication, students will be muted when they are admitted into a session and shall remain muted unless instructed otherwise by a faculty member or guest.
- ***Chat:*** Students may ask questions to HYS staff using the chat feature. Chat will not be permitted between students except for the purposes of group activities.
- ***Recording:*** Each session will be recorded by HYS. Students are not permitted to record any of the sessions.
- ***Video:*** Students are encouraged but not required to have their video ON.
- ***Students under the age of 13:*** Parent or guardian must be present at the time of log-in.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Out of respect for the faculty, guests, other students, and our organization as a whole, HYS must uphold a strict code for how students conduct themselves during HYS+ activities. It is essential that students treat each other with respect and as equals creating a safe learning environment. The following behaviors will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary actions:

- Bullying and/or harassment of any kind. (Slander, taunting, hazing, cyber-bullying, trolling, etc.)
- Use of any obscene, threatening, offensive or disrespectful language or gestures.
- Sending or posting discriminatory or threatening messages and inappropriate content.
- Talking back (impudent, insolent, or argumentative replies) to any faculty, staff, or guests.
- Livestreaming and/or recording the sessions.
- Unmuting yourself without permission from faculty or guests.
- Sharing Zoom meeting ID and password.
- Not being dressed appropriately. (Revealing clothing, clothes with inappropriate words or content). Students should be dressed as if attending an in-person rehearsal.

Non-Participation

Non-participation includes multi-tasking, doing homework, eating, reading, fooling around, playing video games, texting, reading, sleeping, laying down, use of social media platforms, livestreaming, video/audio recording, etc. These types of behaviors will not be tolerated and will be strictly monitored, which may result in a warning, contacting of parents, or expulsion if the behavior continues.

HYS reserves the right to remove students from class. Repeated failure to comply will result in expulsion from HYS+ and future participation in HYS.

Environment

In order to create a safe experience for all participants, please be aware of your surrounding environment. During virtual sessions, students may see and hear anything within the facilitator's or other students' audio and camera viewing areas. Please make sure all people in your household understand this prior to the online sessions.

HYS Symphony & Jazz Program

Music Staff

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YOUTH SYMPHONY I

JOSEPH STEPEC: Director of Orchestra Activities and Conductor

YOUTH SYMPHONY II

ELTON MASAKI: Conductor

SUSAN OCHI-ONISHI: Conductor

CONCERT ORCHESTRA

HANNAH WATANABE: Conductor

WAYNE FANNING: Conductor

COMBO I

DEAN TABA, HYS Jazz Director and Conductor

COMBO II

RYAN HOWE, Conductor

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Administrative Staff

RANDY WONG: President

ARIS DOIKE: Director of Operations

ANN DOIKE: Programs Manager

PARKER NAKAMURA: Assistant Operations Manager

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*The HYS office is located on the second floor of the round, Varsity Building on University Avenue.
Parking is available in the lot behind the Varsity Building; lot entrance is on Coyne Street.
The HYS office will validate your parking ticket.*

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