



GWYOA Spring Gala Concert

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Sunday, May 8, 2022, 1:00 pm
Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, NYC

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Message from the GWYOA Board of Directors

GWYOA Musicians,

The GWYOA has had another wonderful year culminating in this final concert at Alice Tully Hall. We hope you are all excited to be performing on the stage of such a prestigious concert hall.

We are very proud of your hard work and accomplishments this past season. We hope that you have had an exciting and productive year with the GWYOA and that you are looking forward to expanding your orchestral horizons with us in the future. If you are graduating, we wish you the best of luck and continued success in all your future endeavors that hopefully will include orchestral music.

All of you are representing the best of Westchester County and beyond. Your exemplary behavior at Alice Tully Hall will continue to reflect positively on the GWYOA, your families, your private teachers, and your schools. Thank you for your outstanding performances and commitment. The GWYOA would not exist without you! And that goes for all those parents, teachers, and schools as well!

Congratulations and Best of Luck,

Board of Directors
Greater Westchester Youth Orchestras Association

GWYOA Spring Gala Performance Schedule

Sunday, May 8, 2022

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| Alice Tully Hall Opens: | 12:30 pm |
| The Westchester Elementary Strings: | 1:00 pm |
| The Westchester Junior Strings: | 2:00 pm* |
| The Westchester Youth Symphony: | 3:15 pm* |

Please support the conductors and all of our musicians who have worked extremely hard preparing for their performances by attending the entire concert.

* Anticipated starting time, performances will **NOT** begin earlier.

Lincoln Center COVID-19 Policies and Procedures for Performance Spaces

Dear GWYOA musicians, parents, and guardians,

The board has been working tirelessly to maintain another season of beautiful music for our students. I am so thankful and proud of their teamwork, and of the musical accomplishments of our students. We have been excited to return to Lincoln Center this year for our Spring Gala Concert. It is with mixed emotions, then, that I deliver the requirements for performers and audience for our upcoming concert. Please know that I have spent a great deal of effort to advocate for GWYOA's current approach for our rehearsals and our winter concert. I have spoken to the highest levels at Lincoln Center but they are immovable on their policies.

For the audience:

Proof of vaccination is required for all audience members. Children 5 years old and under will not be allowed to attend.

For our students:

1. Proof of vaccination is required for all performers.

— (the only exception is for medical or religious exemption, in which case they require a doctor's note that will be reviewed independently by the doctors representing Lincoln Center)

2. All performers who are eligible for a booster are required to have a booster

— if not boosted, they will need a negative PCR test within 24 hours of performance

3. Winds and brass will be required to have a negative PCR test within 72 hours of the performance, regardless of booster status.

Our liaisons will be collecting and verifying student information ahead of the concert to streamline the entry process at the stage door.

My hope had been (and I had been led to believe) that Lincoln Center's policies would become less strict with cases decreasing, but this has not occurred. I sincerely apologize to students and families who will be affected.

Sincerely,
Meg Bond
President, GWYOA Board

Ticket Information

Sunday, May 8, 2022, 1:00 pm

Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center
10 Lincoln Center Plaza, New York, NY 10023 (1941 Broadway - guest entrance)
142 W 66th Street, New York, NY 10023 (musician stage door entrance)

All seats are \$42.00 plus a \$3.50 Alice Tully Hall facility fee.

Tickets available at: <https://www.lincolncenter.org/lincoln-center-at-home/show/greater-westchester-youth-orchestras-association-2022-spring-gala-concert-440>

Tickets can also be purchased on the day of the concert at the Alice Tully Hall Box Office (opens at 12:00 pm).

Seating is “General Admission.” Although you will be required to select a green dot on the seating chart when purchasing, there will be no assigned seats.

You DO NOT need to purchase a ticket for your GWYOA student. The GWYOA will provide a ticket for each member that is staying for the rest of the concert after their performance. In that case, you **DO** need to save a seat, with your family, for your orchestra member.

The GWYOA and Alice Tully Hall are not responsible for lost or misplaced tickets. **Tickets are non-refundable.**

Alice Tully Hall COVID-19 Policy - Vaccinations, Boosters & Face Coverings

All guests will be required to provide proof that the final dose of their primary COVID-19 vaccination series was administered at least 14 days before entry. For greater detail, please click [here](#). Guests are encouraged but not required to receive a COVID-19 booster if eligible—[based on eligibility determined by the CDC](#).

Additionally, **all guests are required to wear a face covering at all times** except when actively eating or drinking.

At this time, children under 5 will not be admitted. We look forward to welcoming them as vaccination requirements allow.

Please stay home if you don't feel well, have exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 10 days, have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 10 days, or been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past 10 days.

Accessibility - Accessible seating is available. Assistive listening devices with headsets and neck loops are also available. Guests are welcome to bring their own standard headsets to plug into FM receivers. If you require any additional accommodations, please contact Guest Services at [212-875-5456](tel:212-875-5456) or guestservices@lincolncenter.org.

Concert Attire Requirements

Parents: Please look closely at the requirements below. Any musician not in required attire will not be permitted to go on stage. Thank you.

ELEMENTARY STRINGS:

Black or navy pants, black socks and shoes, white shirt with conservative, straight tie, and black jacket. Shirt must be tucked inside pants.

OR: All white blouse, black shoes, black skirt (knee length or longer).

Please note: Black leggings do not conform to this dress code. No athletic shoes/ sneakers.

JUNIOR STRINGS and YOUTH SYMPHONY:

Black suit (or black jacket/ trousers), white button-down shirt, long tie (doesn't need to be black), black socks and black shoes.

OR: Black dress (3/4 sleeved or longer). Dress must be mid-calf to floor length. Black hose, black shoes.

OR: Black skirt (mid-calf to floor length) and black blouse (3/4 sleeved or longer). Black hose, black shoes.

OR: Black concert trousers and black blouse (3/4 sleeved or longer). Black socks and black shoes.

Please note: Black leggings do not conform to this dress code. No athletic shoes/ sneakers.

All musicians should arrive at the buses in full concert dress.

Transportation Information

**It is imperative that all musicians arrive ON TIME at WPHS or Alice Tully Hall.
We will be on a tight schedule.**

Buses will be available for Elementary Strings and Junior Strings musicians ONLY. Large coach buses will be picking up ES and JS musicians from White Plains High School's Student Parking Lot. The GWYOA will NOT provide transportation back to Westchester from Alice Tully Hall.

Junior Strings musicians must report for the buses (2) at 8:30am. Buses depart at 9:00am.

Elementary Strings musicians must report for the bus (1) at 9:30am. Bus departs at 10:00am.

Youth Symphony musicians need to arrive by instrument:

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| Basses & cellos arrive: | 1:00 pm |
| Violins & violas arrive: | 1:30 pm |
| Winds, brass, percussion arrive: | 2:00 pm |

ALL MUSICIANS must check in with security at the stage door entrance at:

142 W 66th Street, New York, NY 10023 (between Broadway and Amsterdam)

BRING

- your instrument and music – ES and JS music folders will be collected after your performance.
- ES and JS - a snack and a re-closable bottle of water
- JS - a bag lunch and a re-closable bottle of water

Do **NOT** bring

- music stands
- large bags or backpacks (backstage space is extremely limited)

Musicians are in close proximity to each other in cramped backstage rooms, please be mindful of those with allergies and make sure snacks and lunches are NUT FREE, including outside purchased food. Please send only re-closable drinks. Put your name on ALL your belongings.

Bus and Schedule Information

Buses will be departing from (look for large coach buses): **White Plains High School (WPHS)**

Student Parking Lot - 550 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605 / [Google map](#)

If you were expected to take the bus but have a change of plans, please contact your orchestra's conductor or a liaison ASAP.

ELEMENTARY STRINGS: 1 Bus

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| Attendance taken at WPHS: | 9:30 am |
| Bus departs WPHS: | 10:00 am |
| Arrive at Alice Tully Hall: | 11:30 am |
| Stage sound check: | 12:00 pm |
| Doors open for audience: | 12:30 pm |
| Performance begins: | 1:00 pm |

ES Contacts: Conductor Bernard Klinger - m) 914-374-9848, edaklinger@gmail.com

Parent Liaisons: Elena Inoue - m) 415-819-6458, elena.inoue@gwyoa.org

Iris Wong - m) 914-720-9198, iris.wong@gwyoa.org

JUNIOR STRINGS: 2 Buses

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| Attendance taken at WPHS: | 8:30 am |
| Buses depart WPHS: | 9:00 am |
| Arrive at Alice Tully Hall: | 10:30 am |
| Stage sound check: | 11:00 am |
| Performance begins: | 2:00 pm |

JS Contacts: Conductor Jacqueline Stern - m) 201-294-3276, jacqueline.stern@gwyoa.org

Parent Liaisons: Sujatha Thalappillil - m) 917-554-0937, sujatha.thalappillil@gwyoa.org

Candy Huang - m) 646-431-3259, candy.huang@gwyoa.org

YOUTH SYMPHONY

Due to limited backstage space at Alice Tully Hall, Youth Symphony musicians will need to arrive fairly close to their performance time, thus **NO BUSES WILL BE PROVIDED**.

Youth Symphony musicians need to arrive by instrument at the stage door entrance at:

142 W 66th Street, New York, NY 10023 (between Broadway and Amsterdam)

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| Basses & cellos arrive: | 1:00 pm |
| Violins & violas arrive: | 1:30 pm |
| Winds, brass, percussion arrive: | 2:00 pm |
| Stage warm-up: | 3:00 pm |
| Performance begins: | 3:15 pm |

All musicians must be met by a GWYOA volunteer at the stage entrance, if you are unable to arrive on schedule, you must contact your conductor or a liaison ASAP.

YS Contacts: Conductor Kathleen Feldman - m) 914-500-5420, kathleen.feldman@gwyoa.org
Parent Liaisons: Cricket Powell - m) 718-644-3327, cricket.powell@gwyoa.org
Laura Chmielewski - m) 914-631-5211, laura.chmielewski@gwyoa.org

Dismissal Procedure

ELEMENTARY STRINGS AND JUNIOR STRINGS: A parent/guardian **MUST** meet their orchestra member(s) in Morgan Stanley Lobby immediately after their performance. Musicians with a **bass or cello** who are staying for the rest of the concert will be assigned a storage location until after the concert. All other instruments and belongings must remain with the musician.

YOUTH SYMPHONY: Members are dismissed after their performance. Please arrange to meet your Youth Symphony musician in the Morgan Stanley Lobby after he/she has retrieved his/her belongings from the warm-up room. Musicians are the responsibility of the parent once they have been released.

Parents: Please do **NOT** try to go backstage to get your child. Security will not allow you backstage. Also, please be patient! It takes several minutes for the kids to get off stage, get to their warm-up room, pack up, and be escorted to the meeting place.

Alice Tully Hall House Rules

- * Please do not try to go backstage. NO parents or families are permitted backstage or in green rooms.
- * There is NO photography or video or audio recording allowed in Alice Tully Hall.
- * Musicians will NOT be allowed to exit Alice Tully Hall for any reason once the buses have arrived and they have been checked in by security.
- * Only liaisons, chaperones, board members, and approved personnel are allowed backstage and only if your name is on the approved security list.
- * Musicians will need a ticket to enter the hall after their performance. The GWYOA will provide tickets to musicians as they are released to parents. See Dismissal Procedure below.
- * Parents should save a seat for their musician in the hall.
- * Late arrivals to the concert will be seated by the ushers when there is an appropriate break in the program.
- * Alice Tully Hall will open for seating at 12:30 pm. All seating is general admission.

Miscellaneous Information

Please remember that musicians will NOT be allowed to exit Alice Tully Hall for any reason once they have been checked in by security.

Photo Opportunities: Although there is no photography or video allowed inside Alice Tully Hall, after the concert, taking photos of your musicians on the grounds of Lincoln Center will be worthwhile. One of the large 40" x 80" glass cases in front of Lincoln Center will be displaying their concert poster, plus the illuminated steps may display the concert information.

