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Dear Parents:

I am pleased to invite your student(s) to FAU's 12th annual Honors High School String Orchestra "Side-by-Side" Festival on **November 8-9, 2024**. **The deadline for registration and online payment is Monday, October 7, 2024**. Students can be registered at this site: <https://forms.gle/GxFPQWQhmpSLW5eQ7>

Forms and details are posted on our website: <https://www.fau.edu/artsandletters/music/stringfestival/>

All participating students must fill out the registration form and the permission form. Any student who will take daily or emergency medication during the festival will also need to submit the Permission to Administer form. These forms need to be filled out and submitted online. Permission forms should be submitted here: <https://forms.gle/JuVuEG69ngs57wzz7>

There is a participation fee of \$50.00. This covers a festival T-shirt, lunch on Friday, and both lunch and dinner on Saturday. All meals will be served in the Atlantic Dining Hall (an all you can eat buffet) located adjacent to the Student Union. Payment is due online by the registration deadline (Monday, October 7, 2024). The payment link is found in the FAU Marketplace Orchestra Store:

https://epay.fau.edu/C20081_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=214

This event will culminate in a side-by-side performance with students from high school orchestras from around the state performing with Florida Atlantic University Orchestra students. Repertoire for this year's festival will be selected from the following: Tchaikovsky's "Waltz & Finale," from *Serenade for Strings*; Hailstork's Sonata da Chiesa; José Luis Elizondo's "Teotlalli," from *Estampas Mexicanas*, and his "La Alborada de la Esperanza"; and Leroy Anderson's Plink, Plank, Plunk!

The two-day festival schedule will involve rehearsals of the repertoire listed above from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on both Friday and Saturday, culminating in a concert at 7:00 pm on Saturday. For interested students, auditions for all solos and the section leader positions will be held at 8:00 am on Friday. Admission to the concert is free, and seating is open. The auditorium doors will open at 6:30 pm for the 7:00 pm concert.

Please encourage your child to obey your school's chaperone policy to ensure that your child is supervised during down times or in emergency situations. Should you or your child require hotel accommodations, our office will be happy to assist you in finding a location near our campus. A complete list of local hotels is shown on this website: <https://www.fau.edu/visit/local-accommodations/>

You will receive online access to the marked musical parts for audition and practice purposes. Original repertoire will be available upon arrival at FAU. All students need to bring mutes for the Hailstork. Concert dress for the performance is the attire students usually wear for their high school orchestra concerts. For some students this is a uniform, or a specific color like all black, or black and white. The FAU students will be dressed in the following: tuxedos or all black formal attire.

We hope that you will join us in this continuing partnership between talented high school students and Florida Atlantic University orchestral students. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at joella@fau.edu or (561) 297-2262. If you leave a voicemail, please indicate a good call back time. It is

not necessary to wait until the deadline to submit your registration. We would love to hear from you as soon as possible.

Arrival at the Festival

Registration opens at 8:00 am on Friday. There will be a table set up outside of the Arts and Letters building, right in front of the University Theatre, at the top of the hill above the amphitheater. You are welcome to drive up to the building to get dropped off at the registration table. All students report to the University Theatre after checking in at the registration table. If you are interested in auditioning for one of the principal chairs or solos, please arrive to audition at 8:00 am. Full rehearsal will begin at 9:00 am in the University Theatre.

Parking (information updated)

Parking in Parking Garage 2, Lot 1, and Lot 25 will be free of charge on Friday, November 8, 2024 from 7 am to Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 9:00 pm.

Here is a direct link for a map of parking on

campus: https://myfau.fau.edu/signed_in/map/index?state=browse&feed=fau_maps&id=e60de18c-6f9f-52d1-8a4b-9d891a52e509

Best wishes,

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