

ALL STATE ORCHESTRA 2017

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Dear Student,

Congratulations on your membership in the 2017 Idaho All State Orchestra. We hope that this musical experience will be one that you will remember and cherish for many years to come.

My name is Ms. Sabrowsky, I am the orchestra director for Ridgevue High School and Sage Valley Middle School in the Vallivue School District in Nampa, as well as this year's All State Orchestra Chairperson. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the All State Orchestra, please do not hesitate to contact me; either I will help you directly, or contact the appropriate person for you.

Our director this year is Dr. Nikolas Caoile. Nikolas Caoile is a conductor, pianist, and music educator. Concurrently serving as Conductor and Artistic Director of the Salem Chamber Orchestra, Music Director and Conductor of the Wenatchee Valley Symphony Orchestra, and Director of Orchestras at Central Washington University, Caoile's artistic leadership spans professional, community, and academic arenas. Caoile has also guest conducted many other orchestras including: Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas, Lake Union Civic Orchestra, Northwest Mahler Festival Orchestra, Rainier Symphony, Yakima Symphony, Gig Harbor Symphony, Lake Avenue Orchestra, and the Olympia Symphony. He made his New York City debut in 2009 conducting the Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas in collaboration with the Christopher Wheeldon's Morphoses Dance Company at New York City Center. Caoile has participated at the Cabrillo Festival for Contemporary Music where he worked with Marin Alsop and Gustav Meier.

A passionate believer in music education for all ages, Caoile has led numerous educational and community engagement concerts including the Alaska and Indiana All-State Orchestras, the Washington All-State Jr. Orchestra as well as many regional honor orchestras in Washington, Montana, Alaska, Arizona, Oregon and Indiana. Caoile regularly presents clinics at National Association for Music Educators Regional and State Conferences and is a regular presenter for Seattle Symphony Pre-concert

Talk series. Caoile is conductor of several orchestra camps and workshops including the Kairos Lyceum, Icicle Creek Summer Symphony, and the Orchestra Leadership Workshop at CWU.

Caoile is a frequent collaborative pianist performing throughout the Northwest. Caoile collaborates regularly with violinist Denise Dillenbeck, flutist Sarah Tiedemann, mezzo-soprano Melissa Schiel, and cellist John Michel. In 2015-16, Caoile will present programs with pianist, Martin Kennedy, performing two-piano works by Bartók, Brahms, and Nancarrow; with violinist Michelle Vaughn and cellist Matthew Ryan-Kelzenberg performing works by John Adams, Poulenc, and Shostakovich; and a recital of Russian song repertoire with baritone, Anton Belov. Caoile was an Opera Coach Fellow at the Aspen Opera Theater.

Born in Portland, Nikolas Caoile now resides in Ellensburg WA with his wife, mezzo-soprano, Melissa Schiel and their son, Kieran. Caoile holds degrees in conducting and composition and completed his Doctorate of Musical Arts in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Michigan. He recently accepted a nomination to join Phi Beta Kappa as a member of the Willamette chapter, Delta of Oregon. His principal teachers are Kenneth Kiesler, Gustav Meier, and Peter Erös. Caoile also enjoys playing golf, NYT Crosswords and cooking.

Dr. Caoile has selected the following works for our performance:

- MENDELSSOHN String Sinfonia No. 9 (Movement I)
- BARBER Adagio for Strings
- TCHAIKOVSKY Serenade for Strings (Movement III, IV)

You are strongly encouraged to listen to recordings of these pieces, all of which can be found on Youtube; make sure you have found quality recordings.

Please read the following carefully:

Music must be prepared before you arrive at All State. Being a member of the All State Orchestra is an honor and a privilege. It is expected that all students adequately prepare their music prior to our first rehearsal, no exceptions. As your audition showed, you are capable of preparing music at the highest level; there is not time to teach you your part when you arrive. On Wednesday evening, there will be sectionals to confirm that you are prepared. Remember that you make a commitment to excellence by joining this Orchestra, and many students were not selected for this event.

Assignments. Check the list (your teacher should have this) to see what stand and part you will be playing. Some pieces have more than one part per instrument, and string parts split in some areas. Confirm what you are supposed to play so time isn't wasted in learning parts.

Accessories. Please identify what you need to perform the piece accurately (check in with your teacher to help with this). Everyone should bring a folding music stand and pencils. Mutes, strings, rosin, etc. will NOT be provided.

Please make sure to sign up for reminders with the app remind. This is a free education text messaging service. Text @imeaorch to 81010, and any information and reminders that are sent will go directly to your phone.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to seeing you at All State. Enjoy preparing your music!

Sincerely,
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