



OMAHA SYMPHONY

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Concerts for Youth

2023-2024 Teacher Training Session

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Theme for 2023-2024:

Irish Music and Omaha History

- ★ Highlighting the history of the Union Pacific Railroad
- ★ Highlighting the contribution of the Native peoples of Omaha and the immigrants who came to Omaha

Concerts for Youth 2023-2024

- ★ Incorporating local history into a Link Up-structured concert provides a myriad of participation styles to meet your classroom goals
- ★ This year's program is entirely new and separate from Carnegie's Link Up and is based on survey feedback and suggestions!

Concerts For Youth

- ★ During the 2022-2023 school year, 5,500 students registered for the concert.
- ★ This is the 21st year we have had a recorder concert in Omaha!

Learning Targets for This Experience:

- ★ Teach students fundamental music concepts through listening and performing.
- ★ Foster existing and new relationships between symphony orchestras and the schools they serve.
- ★ Expose students to the symphony orchestra and concert hall in their community.



When are the concerts?

- ★ February 28, 2024: 9:15am & 10:45am
- ★ February 29, 2024: 9:15am & 10:45am
- ★ March 1, 2024: 9:15am & 10:45am



What is new this year?

- ★ This year's program is unique to the Omaha Symphony.
- ★ We are incorporating more body percussion into the play along slides to add a new participatory layer to the concert.

Materials

- ★ The Omaha Symphony will provide recorders for those schools indicating a supply support request.
- ★ Recorders can be property of the school or the student. Check with your district administration to determine who owns the recorders.
- ★ The Omaha Symphony creates an easily printed PDF workbook for students.

Number Confirmations

- ★ Anyone requesting supplies must approve numbers by **Friday September 29, 2023**.
- ★ We will confirm numbers and participation style in January.
- ★ If you are requesting supplies, please verify your numbers with Nicole via email at NThoms@omahasymphony.org.



When do we get requested materials?

If you requested materials, most of those will be received by Halloween.

- ★ If you do not receive your materials by Tuesday, November 7th, please contact the Omaha Symphony Education Staff.
- ★ Do not pay any invoice from Peripole.

All other materials are digital at this time.



2023-2024 Repertoire List

★ Students will perform (sing and/or play) the following pieces:

- Irish Washerwoman
- Three Blind Mice
- The Parting Glass
- Rattlin' Bog

★ Students will listen/move to the following pieces:

- Transcend Mvt. 3 (Zhou Tian)
- Berko's Journey Mvt 2 (Stacy Garrop)
- Green Mountain Reel (traditional)

23-24 Concert Experience Goals

Listening Examples

- ★ Transcend (Zhou Tian)
- ★ Berko's Journey (Stacy Garrop)
- ★ The Green Mountain (Reel)
- ★ Victory Songs: Sitting Bull (Jarod Tate)

Teaching Timeline

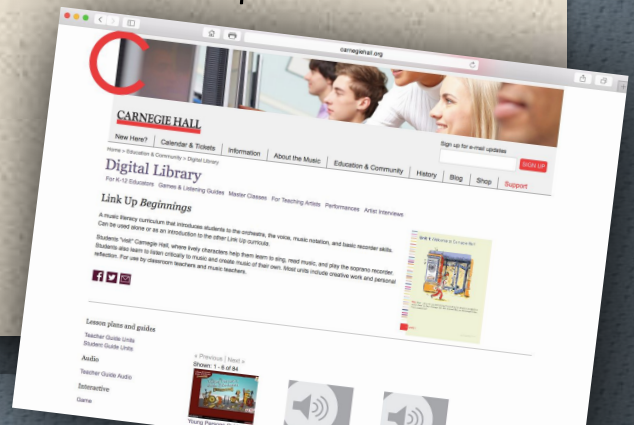
2023-2024 Suggested Teaching Timeline

Composition Activity

- ★ There will not be a composition contest this year; however, we will include the composition template as part of the resources section the symphony education website.

Link Up Beginnings

- ★ History of previous Link Up programs.
- ★ Can be found on Carnegie Hall's [website](#).
- ★ In order to download content, you must set up an account with Carnegie Hall.



Carnegie Info

The History of Carnegie Hall



Andrew Carnegie





Additional Resources

Venue and Orchestra

- ★ [Holland Performing Arts Information](#)
- ★ [Omaha Symphony History](#)



Meet the Orchestra!

The Remarkable Farkle McBride
by John Lithgow

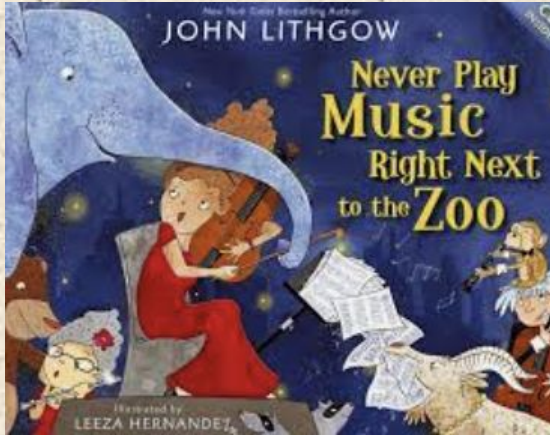


The Young Person's Guide to the
Orchestra



Meet the Orchestra!

Never Play Music Right Next to the Zoo by John Lithgow



The Composer is Dead by Lemony Snicket



Have a question or an idea?
Please reach out to us!

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Thank you for being a part of Concerts For Youth 2023-2024
with your Omaha Symphony! We are so glad you are here!