



OMAHA
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Concerts for Youth

2026-2027 Teacher Training Session

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Gretna Public Schools

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Theme for 2026-2027:

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 2026-2027

- ★ Incorporating local history into a Link Up-structured concert provides a myriad of participation styles to meet your classroom goals

Concerts For Youth

- ★ During the 2025-2026 school year, 6,200 students registered for the concert.
- ★ This is the 24th 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?

- ★ March 3, 2027: 9:15am & 10:45am
- ★ March 4, 2027: 9:15am & 10:45am
- ★ March 5, 2027: 9:15am & 10:45am



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 October 2, 2026.
- ★ We will confirm numbers and participation style in January.
- ★ If you are requesting supplies, please verify your numbers with Esme via email at EMoreno@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 10th, please contact the Omaha Symphony Education Staff.
- ★ Do not pay any invoice from Peripole.
- ★ All other materials can be found on the Omaha Symphony Website.



2026-2027 Repertoire List

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

- Three Blind Mice
- The Parting Glass
- Irish Washerwoman
- 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)

26-27 Concert Experience Goals

Listening Examples

- ★ Transcend (Zhou Tian)
- ★ Berko's Journey (Stacy Garrop)
- ★ The Green Mountain (Reel)

Teaching Timeline

26-27 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 (for free).



Venue and Orchestra

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



Meet the Orchestra!

The Remarkable Farkle McBride
by John Lithgow

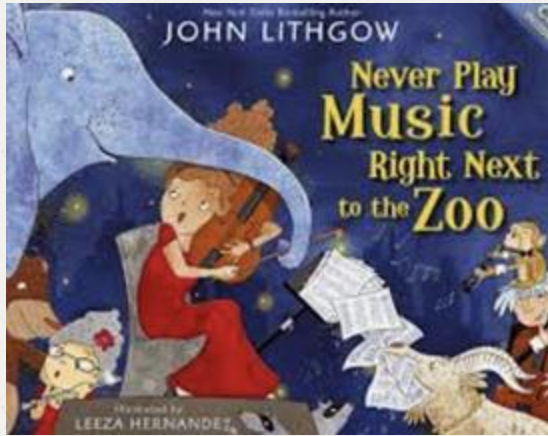


The Young Person's Guide to the
Orchestra



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 2026-2027
with your Omaha Symphony! We are so glad you are here!