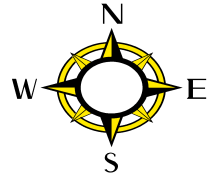




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Dear All Cape and Islands Orchestra Member,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the 2020 CCMEA All Cape & Islands Orchestra! Students from across Cape Cod and the Islands participated in the audition process, and this ensemble represents the extraordinary talents of you and the other members of the orchestra. This is truly an outstanding accomplishment, and I look forward to meeting and working with you.

The festival dates are **Thursday, January 30<sup>st</sup>, Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, and Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**. In the event of inclement weather, the snow date for the concert is scheduled for **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The festival will be held at Barnstable High School. Rehearsal and performance times and details will be made available to you prior to the festival. **Attendance on all three days is mandatory for all performers.** Please bring the following with you to rehearsal:

- Pencil
- Music
- Folding Music Stand
- Strings:** Rosin and extra strings
- Brass:** All appropriate mutes
- Percussion:** All sticks and mallets needed for your parts

The concert dress is as follows:

Ladies – White or Black top with sleeves that cover shoulders, and a long black skirt or pants (goes past the knee – pants for cellists), and black shoes

Gentlemen – White buttoned down shirt with a tie, black pants, and black dress shoes

Your conductor, Dr. Beau Benson, is traveling from Waco, Texas to conduct us this year. Beau Benson is currently in his seventh season as Music Director and Conductor for the Oregon East Symphony and Chorale and his ninth year as Director of Orchestras for the Midway Independent School District. In addition, he is completing his fifth season as the Conductor for the Waco Symphony Youth Orchestra. He received his Doctor of Musical Arts in Orchestral Conducting at Michigan State University. He received his Masters degree in Orchestral Conducting from Southern Methodist University, where he also earned bachelors degrees in classical guitar performance and music education.

For our portion of the concert, we will be performing:

1. *Overture for a Comic Book Hero*- Daniel James Chan
2. *Highlights from Harry Potter*- John Williams arr. Story
3. *Overture to Rienzi* – Richard Wagner arr. Dackow

For the Grand Finale with all of the groups, we will be performing a commissioned piece called *Mad Wind*, composed by an All-Cape Alumni, Ian Good.

It is vital to our success as an ensemble that you spend ample time practicing all of these pieces in order to be prepared for the festival rehearsals and performances (Note: especially the Overtures). Please contact me if you have any questions.

Congratulations again and Happy Practicing!

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