

October 19, 2021

Dear NJIO Members,

Our Fall Concert is less than a month away! Below are details for this event for members and also for audience members. For anyone new, there is some waiting time while the groups do sound checks. So please be ready for that. There will be tables and chairs set up in the Assembly Room. If you are performing in Prelude or Intermezzo, please consider sitting in the audience to watch the other group when your performance is over. Please email me with any questions. **Dress Rehearsal is on Friday, November 12, at our regular New Providence location and times.**

NJIO Fall Concert Details

Date: November 14

Location: 716 Watchung Ave, Plainfield, NJ 07060

You must bring a music stand

Suggested Arrival time for soundcheck (please, if possible, do not arrive earlier than your arrival time)

Prelude: Arrive at 12:30. On stage ready for soundcheck at 1 pm

Intermezzo: Arrive at 12:45, on stage at 1:15

Symphony: Arrive at 1, on stage at 1:45

When you arrive, you will go to the **Assembly Room**. There will be people and signs helping to direct you to the correct location. Once there, unpack, tune and warm-up. There will be another (casual) event in a different room while we arrive, so please do not play excessively loud- but certainly do what you need to do to be ready to play. We had the space first, so they understand that a concert is going on.

Cases:

- Strings: please leave your cases in the Assembly Room.
- Winds: Your case may be on stage under the chair
- Brass and Percussion: You will be up on the altar area and may keep your cases in that section on the side benches (see picture). You may also leave the case in the Assembly Room if you prefer.

Dress

All black. Nothing above the knee and sleeves below the elbow. No ties are needed. This is an old church with cathedral ceilings, and it may be chilly.

Concert Time and Order

The concert will be from 3-5 pm

- Prelude (**Concert Order:** First Scale March, Eagle's Pride, Fiddles on Fire)
- Intermezzo (**Concert Order:** Suite from Abdelazer Overture, Jig, Minuet. Beethoven German Dance 12)
- Stage shift (for piano)
- Chaminade
- *Intermission*
- Vaughan Williams

Parking

See attached map. There are two areas for parking. The lot that is preferred for the musicians is on 1st Place (see map). There is a path from the lot to the building, and it's about 150 feet. There is a step to the Assembly room entrance. The walkway is a little uneven at one point (see picture). Please park in the other lot (on Watchung Ave) or in front of the building if this is a problem. The entrance in the front of the building does not have a step, and it is closer.

If you can park in this backlot, please do so that the other spaces are available for people who need it and audience members.

Checklist

1. **Music stand.** If you do not have one, I highly recommend Peak Music stand. (see link below).
2. **Instrument** (cello endpin holder, rosin, feathers, swabs, instrument stand, mutes if needed - anything you used at rehearsal)
3. **Music** I recommend that you put your music in a three-ring black binder today. Get this ready now so that you have it all set up correctly during the rest of rehearsals and you won't worry about forgetting anything on concert day. Unfortunately, I will **not** be able to print out any music on concert day.
4. **Don't forget to eat.** We will not be having a bake sale at this concert. It's a long day, so please eat breakfast before you arrive and bring something small to eat if needed while you are waiting. There will be tables and chairs set up in the Assembly Room. Masks are required in the assembly room, but it is a very big space, and we want everyone's blood sugar levels in a happy place.

Audience

There is no limit to how many guests you invite. Admission is free (donations are appreciated).

Proof of covid vaccination is required for all audience members over 12 years of age. In addition, all audience members must wear a mask.

Music stand recommendation link:

https://www.musiciansfriend.com/accessories/peak-music-stands-portable-music-stand/45952900001000?cntry=US&cur=USD&utm_content=45952900001000--Peak+Music+Stands+Portable+Music+Stand+Black&source=3WWRWXGS&gclid=CjwKCAjw2bmLBhBREiwAZ6ugowdMaQU3BwhneQvYJfX8MahqTGH9CfkVmVZxlaVsZKjOSGN8DPQATRoC6TMQAvD_BwE