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Dear Parents:

I am pleased to invite your student(s) to FAU's 9th annual Honors High School String Orchestra "Side-by-Side" Festival on **October 15 & 16, 2021**. This event will culminate in a side-by-side performance with students from high school orchestras from around the state with Florida Atlantic University Orchestra students. Repertoire for this year's festival will be selected from the following: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Andante Cantabile from String Quartet No. 1 in D Major, Op. 11; Florence Price's Andante Moderato, for String Orchestra, from String Quartet No. 1 in G Major; William Grant Still's Danzas de Panama; and Johann Stamitz's Sinfonia in G Major "Mannheim No. 1." **The deadline for registration is Monday, September 20, 2021.** Students can be registered at this site:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVUHMhlqeJMdPzUDLISf5HOXUSqAHbSdsZc5fTAsgsBO75BQ/viewform>

The two-day festival schedule will involve rehearsals of the repertoire listed above from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on both October 15 & 16 culminating in a concert at 7:00 pm on Saturday, October 16. For interested students, auditions for all solos and the section leader positions will be held at 8:00 am on Friday, October 15. Admission to the concert is free, but tickets and seats must be reserved at this site: fauevents.com The auditorium doors will open at 6:30 pm for the 7:00 pm concert. There is a participation fee of \$40.00. This covers a festival T-shirt, lunch on Friday, and both lunch and dinner on Saturday. All meals will be served in the Atlantic Dining Hall (an all you can eat buffet) located adjacent to the Student Union. Checks or money orders should be made payable to "FAU Foundation" and given to your child's high school orchestra director or turned in at the registration table on Friday morning upon arrival at FAU. Have your student(s) wear comfortable walking shoes because there may be a walking tour of campus on Friday, October 15, weather permitting.

Please encourage your child to obey your school's chaperone policy to ensure that your child is supervised during down times or in emergency situations. Should you or your child require hotel accommodations, our office will be happy to assist you in finding a location near our campus. A complete list of local hotels is shown on this website:

<http://www.fau.edu/admissions/LocalAccom.php>

Upon receipt of your registration materials, you will be sent the permission forms, which will need to be filled out and **submitted online by October 8, 2021**. The link for submission is posted on the Department of Music's website:

<https://www.fau.edu/artsandletters/music/stringfestival/> You will also receive online access to the marked musical parts for audition and practice purposes. Original repertoire will be provided to your students upon their arrival at FAU. All students need to bring mutes for the Stamitz, Tchaikovsky and Still. Concert dress for the performance is the attire students usually wear for their high school orchestra concerts. For some students this is a uniform, or a specific color like all black, or black and white. The FAU students will be dressed in the following: tuxedos or all black formal attire.

University procedures and protocols will adapt to the changing conditions of the pandemic, and we will modify our rehearsals and performance accordingly. Everyone is expected to wear face coverings while indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Taking this measure supports the safety and protection of everyone involved.

We hope that you will join us in this continuing partnership between talented high school students and Florida Atlantic University orchestral students. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at joella@fau.edu or (561) 297-2262. If you leave a voicemail, please indicate a good call back time. It is not necessary to wait until the deadline to submit your registration. We would love to hear from you as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

Laura Joella, Director of Orchestral Studies

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