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Terre
Haute
Symphony
Orchestra

Dear Principals, Music Teachers, and Classroom Teachers,

I am writing to invite you and the elementary students (all grades) of your school to attend our *free* Adventures in Music Concert on **Thursday, April 6, 2022.**

The performance time is **11:00am** (Indiana EDT) and the concert will last approximately 45 minutes. The performance location is Tilson Auditorium on the Indiana State University campus in Terre Haute, IN.

The theme for the THSO Adventures in Music Concert is: **“EXPLORING THE ORCHESTRA: Instrumental Families.”**

The primary objective of the concert is to encourage children to consider learning to play an instrument and to “make music” by participating with others in school, church, and community ensembles when they are offered the opportunity. I am convinced that “making music changes lives!” I am also convinced that all of us should be doing all we can do to encourage children to see making music as a great choice for them to make at this time in their lives.

We will consider how each specific instrument fits in its instrumental family and how the families work together in the orchestra. Plus, we will look at how the music would sound if a family of instruments were omitted. **I am also including at the end of this letter the texts for a singalong for the children to sing together from memory with the orchestra: A Patriotic Singalong.** The songs are the first stanzas of *America the Beautiful*, *America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)*, and *God Bless America*. (lyrics on reverse side of this letter).

Thanks for teaching the texts and music to them so they can fully participate from memory!

Williams	<i>Star Wars</i>	Familiar music: Intro to the Orchestra
Suppé	Light Cavalry Overture	Families of the orchestra
Mozart	Eine Kleine Nachtmusik: I	Strings: violin, viola, cello, bass
Rossini	Overture to the Barber of Seville	Woodwinds: flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon
Hayman	A Patriotic Singalong	Singing: Musical Participation
Copland	Fanfare for the Common Man	Brass: Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba
Glière	Russian Sailors’ Dance	Percussion
Tchaikovsky	Nutcracker: Waltz of the Flowers	Harp
Rossini	William Tell Overture: Finale	Fun concert closer

Music teacher materials are posted on the Adventures in Music page on the THSO website www.THSO.org/adventures-in-music. We hope these materials will be helpful in preparing the children for the performance and, perhaps, for other uses in your classroom.

The 2020 THSO Adventures in Music Concert promises to be a very enjoyable and engaging educational experience. I hope you can join us.

*There is **no admission fee for this concert.*** Sponsorships are sought to cover the substantial costs of the professional musicians who perform for the children. All principals, teachers, assistants and other adult chaperones attending will also be admitted free of charge.

REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL

Please register now and provide your best estimate of attendance on the on-line Registration Form located at www.THSO.org/Adventures-In-Music.

Registration will close on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 5pm.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Bowden, Artistic Director

A Patriotic Singalong

America the Beautiful

Oh, beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

America

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died. Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.