

## Chamber Strings 2014-2015

### Performance plans:

We will not have a concert in the first quarter. Instead, we'll work toward two performances:

Sunday, November 23	2:00 p.m.	Barnes & Noble Book Fair
OR Date TBA		Service Project Concert @ The Peaks & Emeritus
Tuesday, December 9	6:30 p.m.	(tentative) Winter Concert - all strings groups
Tuesday, March 10	6:30 p.m.	Third Quarter Concert, strings & choir
[Friday, February 27	during school	ABODA Area Concert Festival]
[Tues-Thurs, April 28-30	time TBA	ABODA State Concert Festival (one day only)]
Tuesday, May 19	6:30 p.m.	Spring Concert

Since we travelled last year, there is no California trip for spring 2015. We may choose to do the high school concert contests in state, like we did this past two springs. The Area Concert Festival is scheduled for Friday, February 27 at Coconino High School. **When** we make a "Superior" or "Excellent" rating, we will be invited to participate in the State Concert Festival in Phoenix (April 28-30), which is the last week of April, during the week, between the All-State Festival (April 16-18) and the Middle School Regional Festival (May 1-2). We can do these contests, depending on availability in your schedule for these extra trips!

### Concert attire for 2014-15:

All gentlemen will wear:

- black **long-sleeved** dress shirts
- tie (same as last year - \$11. to buy or \$5. each time to borrow)
- black slacks (no black jeans!)
- black shoes (no sneakers!) and black socks

All ladies will wear:

- 3/4-sleeve jewel neck black top (cost: \$30, includes shipping); I will order on 9/15 [please be aware that you may want to wear a black cami under this top, so no extra skin is showing!]
- [if you would like to see this top, go to #9763AA in black at:  
[https://www.formalfashionsinc.com/sas/sas.php?category\\_id=2](https://www.formalfashionsinc.com/sas/sas.php?category_id=2)]
- black slacks (nothing that looks "painted on", no capri-length)
- black shoes with black hose, trouser socks, or socks

### Other Deadlines and Dates:

Friday, November 14	Payment deadline to audition for <u>High School or Middle School Regional Festival</u> [and/or MS Solo & Ensemble]. \$20.00 for each event, payable to "NPA"
Saturday, January 24	HS Region auditions
Friday, February 6	Payment deadline for HS Region Participation (\$20.00)
Thurs-Sat, Feb. 19-21	High School Region Festival – in Mohave/Bullhead – details TBA
Friday, February 27	ABODA Area Concert Festival Payment deadline for HS All State auditions (\$20.00)
Saturday, February 28	Middle School Region Auditions & Solo & Ensemble NOTE: These auditions will be in Prescott Mile High MS
Saturday, March 14	HS All State auditions at Mountain Pointe HS
Friday, March 27	Payment deadline for All State Participation (\$25.00)

Thurs.-Sat., April 16-18      HS All State Festival, at U of A  
May 1-2                              Middle School Region Festival at Page HS

### **Flagstaff Symphony Info:**

September 26 (Friday) at Ardrey Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. – “Symphonic Synthesis”, music of Bach, Cindy McTee, Saint-Saens (Carnival of the Animals) & Schumann (Symphony#3).

October 24 (Friday) at Ardrey Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. – “Fantastic FSO”: music of Dvorak, Liszt, and Berlioz (Symphonie Fantastique) – costume contest & student art display.

December 4 & 5 (Friday & Saturday) at Ardrey, 7:30 p.m. - Holiday Concert, featuring "The Nutcracker" - a part of this concert will be repeated (and free!) on Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m. - get your tickets early for this one!

January 28 (Friday) at Ardrey, 7:30 p.m. – “Breaking Boundaries”: music of William Grant Still, Bruce Reiprich (from NAU), and Beethoven (Symphony #6)

March 6 (Friday) at Ardrey, 7:30 p.m. – “British Invasion”: music of the Beatles, featuring “Jeans ‘n Classics”

April 17 (Friday) at Ardrey, 7:30 p.m. – “Carmina Burana”: with the Master Chorale of Flagstaff

### **Grading:**

Grading for this year will be based on these approximate measures for fall and spring:

#### **Fall:**

Playing Quizzes      20%  
Concert Preparation    25%  
Concert Performance 30%  
Writing prompts      15%  
Attention/attitude    10%

#### **Spring:**

Concert preparation    30%  
(includes playing quizzes)  
Concert performance 40%  
Writing Prompts      15%  
Attention/attitude    15%

Quarter 1:    Playing Quizzes      (2-octave scales & arpeggios)  
Quarter 2:    Playing Quizzes      (2- or 3-octave scales & arpeggios)  
Quarter 3:    Playing Quizzes      (All-State excerpts + contest pieces)  
Quarter 4:    Playing Quizzes      (concert pieces + as assigned)

#### **Other:**

Even though we are not taking a major festival trip this year, we will be doing some fund-raising, beginning in mid-September. This will give us a head-start on fees for our next big trip, and allow us to buy new music and other supplies

Stay tuned for an exciting new year!!

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