



Parkway Concert Orchestra



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May 5 Concert

Please let us know *immediately* if you won't be able to play at the May 5 concert. Also mark your calendars for the Monday before the concert (April 29 at 7:30) for the dress rehearsal.

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 3 p.m.
First Congregational Church, Norwood

March 25 member meeting

The annual members meeting will take place on Monday, March 25 at 9:00 p.m., after a shortened rehearsal. Elections will be held for officers and other board members, and members are encouraged to bring programming and other ideas to discuss.

One area in which the board would like feedback is how well the orchestra is adhering to its mission per the bylaws:

- a. To promote the appreciation and performance of music by making available to the community musical concerts and other forms of entertainment of cultural value.
- b. To give competent amateur instrumentalists an opportunity to maintain and develop their musical skills.
- c. To stimulate and encourage young music students in the performance of music by, whenever possible, inviting them to perform as members of the orchestra.

Volunteers needed for May 5 concert

For the May 5 concert, in addition to performing, the orchestra will design the flyer, sell tickets, set up, decorate and clear away the entire hall, publish the program and provide refreshments (if any). We will need everyone's help to pull this all together in the next few weeks. Spouses, children, other friends and relatives are encouraged to help, especially with tasks that will be difficult for the orchestra to do, like selling tickets and serving refreshments. We need a lot of volunteers! Please let Susan know what you or your family and friends are interested in doing.

Our policy for concert and dress rehearsal absences is to require advance notice (to the manager and music director) of four rehearsals. Otherwise, the member must pay for the musician who will fill in for him/her. As always, the music folder must be returned so the librarians don't have to make up another folder.

Highlights from 3/4/24 board meeting

- On March 18, the orchestra will hold a social hour from 7:00-7:30, leaving refreshments set up through break. The brass section will host by bringing some snacks/beverages for everyone to enjoy. Everybody, please consider getting to rehearsal early this week.
- The orchestra especially needs violas, bassoons, trombone and percussion. Experienced volunteer musicians are invited to contact us to attend a rehearsal to see if we are a good fit.
- PCO will be celebrating its 80th anniversary season in 2025-2026.

Facebook group

As in the past, the primary method the orchestra will use to communicate with you will be by email. We've set up a Facebook group for orchestra members, which is another way for us all to communicate with each other. About 80% of the orchestra is in the group at the moment. It is a closed group, so if you're not already a member of the group and would like to join, ask to join the group on the group's page, which is: www.facebook.com/groups/171853839546069

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