

How are students chosen for the Chamber Orchestra or the Festival String Orchestra?

Based on teacher nominations, students will be placed in one of two ensembles:

1. **Chamber Orchestra: smaller, select ensemble**
 - a. Video audition required for consideration
2. **Festival String Orchestra: larger, mass ensemble**
 - a. Selection for the Festival String Orchestra will be based on the information that the teacher provides in the nomination form.

What is the criteria for a student to be nominated for the Chamber Orchestra?

Students who want to be considered for the **Chamber Orchestra** must submit a video recording in addition to the nomination form that is submitted by the teacher. Video auditions are due by the listed time in the nomination form and email to teachers. Email videos to the Dorian Office at dorian@luther.edu. The audition requirements are:

1. A video recording (90-second minimum, 2-minute maximum) of a solo or etude that demonstrates lyrical and technical ability (slow technique and fast technique) of the student. Memorization and piano accompaniment not required.
2. A scale of the student's choice. Violinists, violists, and cellists should prepare a 3-octave scale. Double bass players should prepare a 2-octave scale.

Video recordings must not be edited. The video recordings will be used to place students in the Chamber Orchestra, and to determine chair placements. Students who play in the Dorian Chamber Orchestra should demonstrate many of these skills and characteristics:

- beautiful, expressive tone
- focused, reliable intonation
- expressive use of vibrato
- good bow control
- ability to shift into upper positions
- solid technical foundation
- strong sense of pulse and rhythm

What is the private lesson option?

- In an optional 15-minute lesson, a student will play one piece for a Luther string faculty member and receive feedback.
- The prepared solo should be well-learned in order for the lesson to be useful.
- A Luther student accompanist can be hired for a \$20 fee if requested ahead of time and if music is provided by the deadline. Lessons are not required to be accompanied.
- Cost of a lesson is \$10.
- **A lesson can also be used as an official Luther Music Scholarship audition by seniors.**

How are students chosen to perform as an Outstanding Soloist on the Monday night concert?

1. Teachers will indicate on the student's nomination form that they would like to be considered as an Outstanding Soloist.
2. During the student's lesson, the applied faculty member will decide whether or not the student is ready to perform their piece at the Monday evening concert.
3. Outstanding soloists who are selected to perform as part of the Festival Grand Concert on Monday evening, will perform in front of the entire festival audience.

Where do directors and students stay during the festival?

- **For Students:** On-campus and in Luther students' dorm rooms, or in dorm lounges on the floor. For schools that live in a 50-mile radius of Luther, we ask that you do not spend the night on Luther's campus due to limited space.
- **For Directors and Chaperones:** The college is not able to offer housing to teachers and/or chaperones.
 - Off-campus housing options in local hotels, Bed and Breakfasts, and Airbnbs are available to directors and students. In town, we have Comfort Inn and Suites, Country Inn and Suites, Fairfield Inn and Suites, Hotel Winneshiek, and Super 8. Teachers have also had good luck with local Bed and Breakfasts and Airbnb.
- The on-campus housing fee is \$10 per student.
- Students will be housed in residence hall rooms with current Luther student hosts or in residence hall lounges. Students should plan to bring along sleeping bags, pillows, etc. as well as towels and toiletries for their overnight stays.

Can a student attend the festival without their school or their teacher?

A teacher nomination is required for a student to be considered for the festival, but a student's orchestra teacher does not necessarily have to attend the festival with the student. Having said that, we encourage every student attending the Dorian Orchestra Festival to have a teacher, parent, or chaperone with them in town for the duration of the festival. This policy is in place so that there is someone in town to take care of the student in the case of an emergency. Likewise, if there is a behavioral issue that would result in the student being removed from the festival, an adult must be present to take the student home. If a student is planning to drive themselves to the festival, and will not have a chaperone in town, just let the Dorian Office know in advance!

What are the fees associated with the festival?

Please view the fees form on the Dorian Orchestra Festival website page.

Are tickets required for the Festival Grand Concert?

No tickets are required for the Festival Grand Concert on Monday. The concert is free and open to the public.

Is the Festival Grand Concert live streamed?

The festival grand concert is NOT live streamed.

What is concert attire?

- Concert attire is all black or black bottoms with white tops.
 - Option A: A collared shirt with nice dress pants. Ties are encouraged.
 - Option B: A nice blouse with dress pants/skirt or a dress.