

# Sequim Community Orchestra Membership Policies

## **Who We Are:**

The Sequim Community Orchestra is a friendly, non-competitive ensemble that performs orchestral music for the community. We work from original scores, when feasible, and welcome amateur musicians who know the basics of reading music.

## **Please Join Us:**

Whatever your experience, if you would enjoy honing and sharing your skills, we invite you to play with us. Auditions are not necessary.

To enroll, go to

<http://sequimcommunityorchestra.org/join.php>



## **Rehearsals and Performances:**

Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 7pm to 9pm, in the Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church in Sequim. Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is expected. We request advance notice if you must miss any. The Sequim Community Orchestra performs three times a year.

## **Membership Dues:**

Members support the basic expenses of the organization by paying dues of either \$20/month payable at the beginning of each month, or \$150 for the entire playing season payable by October 31, or for families; \$35/month, or \$250/year. No musician will be excluded for inability to pay.

## **Membership Responsibilities:**

Besides attending rehearsals, performances, and paying membership dues, members are expected to practice their parts, work on intonation problems, ask for help when needed, and keep their instrument in good repair.

Be friendly, the orchestra is about fun. Get to know other orchestra members during breaks and before and after rehearsal.

Concert dress is black and white, concerts begin at 7pm, call is at 6pm for warm-up.

## **Membership Continuity:**

Membership continues as long as the participant fulfills all membership responsibilities as determined by the Music Director. Terminated members may appeal to the Board of Directors for reinstatement. If a Performing Member is unable to attend for one or more months, the member may ask the Board for emergency leave and may request suspension of dues for that period.

## **Etiquette of Using Sheet Music:**

Please return the orchestra's sheet music in good condition, when requested. Members may, and are encouraged to, lightly mark their music in pencil. All marks should be easily erasable by the next user.

## **Strive for Enjoyment and Excellence:**

Each person and part is important to the orchestra. If each person makes being a responsible member a high priority and extends every effort to meet the expectations set forth in this document, our orchestra will steadily improve. A committed member is appreciated by everyone and helps build the rewarding, positive, fun experience that is the Sequim Community Orchestra.