

Dear Families,

I'm writing to share the details for our upcoming orchestra retreat on the weekend of January 20th and 21st. We've revised and expanded this year's retreats to include a guest artist, more activities, and an overnight for the Honors Orchestra. Like many other youth orchestras, we find this event to be an essential tool in allowing us to program challenging and exciting music. The weekend includes many hours of rehearsal and this time is figured into our repertoire planning. Our artist for this retreat will be Jayson Fann, world percussionist and multimedia artist. You may have seen Jayson perform with the Monterey Symphony with his 8 foot tall drum made out of a hollow redwood tree trunk!

As with every event - from each rehearsal, to our concerts - the success of this retreat depends on everyone's participation. We hope that you will take this commitment seriously and make every effort to attend. If there is *any* obstacle to your participation, please reach out to me at once. One final note, the retreats are a work in progress and as we continue to refine the program we welcome your feedback and suggestions.

We will need to get a final headcount to Hidden Valley by Sunday, January 14<sup>h</sup>. Please use [this link](#) to RSVP as soon as possible.

**Junior Youth Orchestra:**

The JYO retreat will run from 10:00-5:00 on Sunday, January 21st at Hidden Valley Music Seminars. Students will receive lunch. The day includes rehearsals, recreation time, and a guest artist. Parents are invited to watch a demo concert from 4:00-4:30pm. There will be an ice cream sundae reception afterwards, and departure time is 5pm. The cost of the retreat for students is \$22.50.

**Honors Orchestra:**

The Honors Orchestra retreat will run from 10:00am on Saturday, January 20th to 12m on Sunday January 21st at Hidden Valley Music Seminars. Students will be housed in the Hidden Valley dormitories with 1-3 other students. YMM will have staff of both genders on site throughout the duration of the event including the overnight. Students should bring their own sleeping bags/blankets, towel, and toiletries. Students will receive lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. This year's expanded retreat allows time for rehearsal, a guest artist, games, chamber music, and an evening campfire. The cost for Honors Orchestra students is \$50. Parents are invited to attend a demonstration concert from 11-12 on Sunday morning. The retreat concludes after this with a departure time of 12pm.

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**Winter Retreat outline  
1/20 & 1/21 2018**

**Honors**

**Saturday**

<b>10:00-12:00</b>	Rehearsal	Theatre
<b>12:00</b>	Lunch	Dining room
<b>12:30-2:30</b>	Duo rehearse & perform	Campus
<b>2:30-4:30</b>	Rehearsal	Theatre
<b>4:30-5:30</b>	Soccer/Games/board games	Campus
<b>5:30-6:30</b>	Dinner	Dining room
<b>6:30-8:30</b>	Rehearsal	Theatre
<b>8:30-9:00</b>	Hot chocolate/ break	
<b>9:00-10:00</b>	Deep Listening	Dance studio

**Sunday**

<b>7:30-8:15</b>	Yoga	Dance studio
<b>8:15-9:00</b>	Breakfast	
<b>9:00-10:00</b>	Rehearsal	Theatre
<b>10:00-11:00</b>	Guest artist	Dance or Dining
<b>11:00-12:00</b>	Rehearsal & parent showcase	Theatre
<b>12:00</b>	Depart	

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**JYO**

**Sunday**

<b>10:00-11:00</b>	JYO rehearsal	Theatre
<b>11:00 12:00</b>	Guest artist	Dance or Dining
<b>12:00</b>	Lunch	Dining room
<b>12:30-2:00</b>	Rehearsal	Theatre
<b>2:00-3:00</b>	Free time	Campus
<b>3:00-4:00</b>	Rehearsal	Theatre
<b>4:00-4:30</b>	Showcase for Parents	Theatre
<b>4:30-5:00</b>	Ice cream sundaes / departure	Deck

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