



# ORCHESTRA NEWSLETTER

April 2019

## Director's Note

With solo & ensemble in the rear view mirror, East orchestra is looking forward towards the many exciting happenings in the next two months

First off, congratulations to all orchestra students for their great performances at our annual solo & ensemble festival. This year, nearly 45 East orchestra students qualified for the State Festival (held on April 27th at Peck School of the Arts). Way to go!

When students return from Spring Break we will be gearing up for 1. All City String Festival (April 14th) and 2. The Spring orchestra concert (May 15th). They are close together this year so students have already started working on music for May.

Finally, we keep moving towards an amazing Austrian trip next fall. East Bands' recent trip to Ireland has reignited the excitement about our incredible opportunity next fall. There are travel forms being sent home this week with a couple of "upcoming" deadlines.

-Michael Hayden

East and Longfellow Orchestras also have a new social media account! Follow us on Instagram @TosaEastSideStrings or #tosaeastsidestrings

## Upcoming Events

### April 14th, 2019

Wauwatosa All City String Festival  
Brookfield East Fieldhouse  
1:45 pm and 3:30 pm (perform both times)

### May 15th, 2019

East Orchestra Spring Concert  
Dale K. Hidde Theatre  
7:30 pm

## Austria /Czech Republic

Music for Austria has been ordered! The goal will be to give all students music before summer break so they can practice on their own before the school year. We may also have 1-2 summer rehearsals (close to the school year) and 1-2 evening rehearsals to prepare for our overseas performances.

### Travel Forms

All permission to travel forms are being sent home this week. Forms are for all travelers (including parents/relatives) and due on or before **May 1st, 2019**. If you need a hard copy sent home email Mr. Hayden.

[CLICK HERE TO FOR PARENT/RELATIVE FORM](#)

### Passports

Still need a passport? Does your current passport expire before April 2020? If so you still have time to apply for a new (or renew) your passport.

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## May Concert Theme

The theme of this year's May concert is "American Classics." Each orchestra will be performing music by iconic American composers. The Spring concert will feature both string orchestras, our full symphony orchestra, and the East fiddle ensemble. See below for a few samples of the music being learned by each group.

### East Concert Orchestra

#### [Snake River Stomp](#)

The Snake River flows through Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and the composer tried to capture its grandeur.

### East Symphony Orchestra

#### [Gershwin by George](#)

Gershwin's legendary and well-known compositions span both popular and classical genres. Medley includes: *Strike Up the Band!*; *I Got Rhythm*; *Rhapsody in Blue* and more!

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