ABOUT THE HOCHSTEIN ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

Hochstein’s ensemble program draws from a rich history that started with the original Hochstein String Quartet in the 1920s and has grown into the comprehensive program in existence today. Hochstein’s ensemble program includes four student orchestras, three wind symphonies/bands, three vocal ensembles, jazz combos, rock and Dixieland bands, and a myriad of chamber and instrument-specific ensembles.

Ensemble experiences not only take students’ musical skills to the next level, but they instill confidence while building collaborative skills and camaraderie among our students.

The Youth Wind Symphony, directed by John Rolland, is the flagship ensemble of the band program. It is open to advanced woodwind, percussion, and brass players in grades 9-12 and performs level V and VI wind ensemble repertoire.

To learn more about the Ensemble program, visit our website at: hochstein.org/ensembles

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

John Rolland holds a Bachelors degree in Music Education and a Masters degree in Wind Conducting from SUNY Fredonia where he was the School of Music’s first graduate assistant in conducting. He is an instrumental music teacher and coordinator of the music department at Bay Trail Middle School in Penfield, NY. Prior to Penfield, Mr. Rolland taught at Northport High School on Long Island where he directed the concert band, jazz ensemble, chamber winds and was assistant director of the Northport Tiger Marching Band.

Mr. Rolland is Director of Bands at the The Hochstein School and is a frequent guest conductor of junior and senior high honor bands throughout New York State. He has served as Interim Director of the Cassadaga Area Concert Band and Music Director of the East End Chamber Orchestra in Long Island, NY.

As a percussionist, Mr. Rolland has performed regularly with the Atlantic Wind Symphony and Western New York Chamber Orchestra. He is a percussion instructor with the Gates-Chili High School Marching Band and a former front ensemble instructor with the White Sabers Drum and Bugle Corps. He continues to maintain an active performance schedule in and around the Rochester area.

Woodwind, brass, and percussion students entering grades 9-12 in September 2019

REHEARSALS/PERFORMANCE
5 Saturday Rehearsals, 12:00-2:30 pm
January 4, 11, 18, & 25, February 1, 2020

ALL REHEARSALS MANDATORY
(with specific exceptions noted inside)

Concert: Hochstein Performance Hall
Saturday, February 1 at 7:30 pm

TO APPLY
Complete & submit enclosed application by SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019
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Complete and return the application no later than October 19, 2019 with your $90 participation fee to:

The Hochstein School, 50 N. Plymouth Ave.
Rochester, NY 14614

All applications received after the deadline will be evaluated on a “space available” basis.
- Teacher, student, and parent signatures are required.
- Spaces are limited and participation fees will be returned if application is not accepted.
- Students will be mailed notice of acceptance by November 9, 2019

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested students must be capable of working independently and accepting responsibility. All participants will be expected to learn their music thoroughly prior to the first rehearsal. Music will be mailed by December 9, 2019.

Applicants must have received a NYSSMA score during the previous school year of at least 90 points. Please include a copy of your most recent NYSSMA solo score sheet. Following are the minimum NYSSMA solo levels for each instrument:

| Level 6:       | Flute, snare drum, timpani |
| Level 5:       | Oboe, all clarinets, bassoon, all saxophones, horn, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, keyboard percussion |

For those who have not received the required NYSSMA score, please submit a CD or MP3 of appropriate repertoire.

FIRST CHAIR

To be considered for first chair placement in a section, submit a CD or MP3 indicative of current playing level (maximum length of 10 minutes). Piano accompaniment is not required.

PLEASE label all CD/MP3 submissions with one or both of the following:
- (a) Replacement for NYSSMA scores
- (b) Audition for 1st chair

Questions? Please call 585-454-4596 or email: diane.smith@hochstein.org