

To All Cappies Orchestra Members

Instrumentalist Positions

I will need the following instrumentalists from within the Cappies schools. The players should be at an accelerated level and at least at a Grade 8 or 10 Conservatory level of playing ability. Good reading ability is a must, good sight reading would be a definite asset. The ability to phrase and articulate in a "pop/show music" style is an absolute necessity.

The Student portion of the Cappies Orchestra consists of:

1/2 Flute/Picc	1 Clarinet
2 Trumpets	1 Tenor Sax
1 Bari Sax	1 Trombone
4 First Violins	4 Second Violins
2 Violas	2 Cellos
1 Guitar	1 Piano/Keyboard
1 Drum Kit /Percussion	

Last year's Cappies Orchestra was fantastic and I salute their enthusiasm and abilities. Age is of no concern only the ability to produce a good sound, be attentive and have a positive attitude.

I need contact numbers/information to music directors of the shows asap.

Each "student" will have a mentor/lead professional player to follow and emulate. This gala is being done in a very professional manner and I believe that this experience will be an incredible learning opportunity for these musicians. We will be playing the Opening to the show, the opening to the second half & Closing numbers, accompanying some Show Music selections and playing 35 bits of music for the Award Ceremony and anything else that is required of us. Last year we did not get the opportunity to rehearse everything so sight-reading and playing with confidence is essential.

Please have the Music Teachers/Show Music Directors call Gary Morton at 613 824-5099 or email me at gdmorton1104@gmail.com with their recommendations. I want to discuss each potential candidate with the Music Teacher. Please also email me the recommended names as well so I have a record of candidates. We may not be able to take everyone so please get to me soon.

Most of the rehearsals will be on Sunday Afternoons at Nepean High School (574 Broadview Ave, Ottawa, ON K2A 3V8)

and the Gala, Sunday, June 9 will be all day at the NAC starting at about 11:00 AM and going until after show time – approx 9:30 PM.

Rehearsals

All of these events are at Nepean HS with the exception of June 9 at the NAC.

Sunday April 28 - 1-4pm - Rehearsal 1 – Cappies Chorus & Piano only

Sunday May 12 - 1-4pm - Rehearsal 2 – Cappies Chorus & Piano only

Sunday May 26 - 1-4pm - Rehearsal 3 – Cappies Chorus & Rhythm Section

Sunday June 2 - 1-5pm - Rehearsal 4 – Cappies Chorus & Rhythm Section

Saturday June 8 - 10am-1pm & 2-5pm - Rehearsal 5 – Cappies Chorus & Orchestra

Sunday June 9 – NAC 11am-9:30pm - Gala – Cappies Chorus & Orchestra

The complete Cappies Ensemble consists of:

Singers - Male and Female

Flute/Picc (2?)

1 Clarinet

4 Trumpets

3 Saxes (Alto, Tenor, Bari)

2 Trombones

Violin 1 & 2

Viola

2 Guitars

Piano

Keyboard

Bass Guitar

Drum Kit 1

Drum Kit 2/Percussion

This was an amazing event for all who participated last year.

Gary

FAQ's

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Sunday June 9 - 11am-9:30pm - Gala – Cappies Chorus & Orchestra

You will be needed at the NAC on the day of the Gala, June 9, from 11:00am onward.

1. I've heard about the Cappies Gala, but I've never been to one. What's it all about?

It's like the Oscar presentations in LA – except bigger and more exciting. People are dressed “to the nines”, flash bulbs are popping, the Cappies Orchestra made up of professional and student musicians sets the exciting tone, the Cappies Chorus dazzles the audience with 3 amazing songs, heart throbbing scenes and production numbers from the top five plays and top five musicals are shown, and the humour of MCs Mauler and Rush steer the complex show through the evening. Add to that the heart-stopping announcements of winners, the cheering, and the tearful acceptance speeches, and you have an unforgettable Gala celebrating the best in High School

2. OK, last question. What else do I need to know about Cappies?

Gala Director, Jim McNabb, would be pleased to answer any other questions. Email him at jimcnabb@hotmail.com. Musical Director, Gary Morton, can be reached at gdmorton1104@gmail.com to answer questions about the music or the orchestra.