

Peoria Symphony Guild Student Concerts

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can children younger than 3rd grade (age 8-9 years old) attend these concerts?

This program is designed for school children in grades 3 through 12. The Peoria Civic Center and the Symphony Guild do not have staff hired to handle emergency situations that occur with younger children. Please do not bring children younger than 8 years old to the Student Concerts.

2. Can you add extra students and/or chaperones after the reservation form has been mailed to the Peoria Symphony Guild?

The seating for every concert is limited and each school is assigned blocks of seating based on individual seat reservations. Any changes must be made prior to the concert date. Tickets may be sold on an individual basis the day of the concerts, but we do not reserve any seats for walk-ins. Please note that last year certain concerts were completely sold out.

3. How does each school get assigned to attend a particular concert?

Schools have the option to rank each concert time (1st choice, 2nd choice and 3rd choice). Reservation forms are given priority in the order they are received and then by the concert time of choice. All schools receive a confirmation letter with their selected concert time 10 days prior to the concert date.

4. Why is the chaperone ticket price \$16.00?

Each school is allowed one free chaperone seat per 15 student seats. For example: Purchasing 45 student seats reserves 3 free chaperone seats. If extra chaperones are needed for special needs children, then please indicate this on your Student Concert Reservation Order form. The Symphony Guild will review individual situations and work to accommodate all students. Extra chaperones are welcome and the ticket price is less than half of a regular Peoria Symphony Orchestra ticket. Since this event is designed for youth education, the Symphony Guild would like to reserve as many seats as possible for students rather than adults.

5. Why do home school families need to form groups?

The Student Concert ticket reservation process is done by volunteers. Individual home school families are processed the same way as schools that attend with 400 students. Please form groups of 15 or more and send one check or reservation form for the group, versus a check and reservation form for every family.

6. How does the Symphony Guild coordinate the seating in the theater for each concert?

Seating for each concert is coordinated around the school reservations. It is general admission on the day of the concert; however, Symphony Guild volunteers do direct groups into the balconies and box seats if they are needed. Depending on the size of each concert audience, balconies and box seats may be closed. We may have local television stations filming at the concerts, and this process may require specific seating arrangements. Our guest soloist and family, grant representatives and Peoria Orchestra Board members have specific assigned seating. Please follow the guidelines given to your group by the ushers and Symphony Guild volunteers on the day of the concerts.