

Tallahassee Homeschool String Orchestra COVID-19 Guidelines—Fall 2020

THSO is blessed to have a wonderful venue (TRBC) willing to host us in the middle of a pandemic. What a privilege it is to make music together, in the same room, and to share a sense of music community in this way! After practicing “orchestra online” for March, April, and May, we are so grateful that we will see you all and make music with you all this fall! With that said, we acknowledge that we are composed of a rich and diverse group of individuals and families with varying comfort regarding the COVID-19 risks. As a result, we want to maintain our privilege to make music together during these unprecedented times by respecting those in our population who are most vulnerable and by working to prevent any “shutdown” or “breakout” due to THSO classes.

THSO Classes (all Wednesdays at Thomasville Road Baptist Church)

Class	Time	Room	Teacher(s)
Poco Players	10:15 to 10:40 am	Choir Room	Joanna Pepple
Preludio	10:55 to 11:20 am	Choir Room	Joanna Pepple
Da Capo Strings	11:35 am to 12:20 pm	Room 202	Joann Solari
Accelerando	11:35 am to 12:20 pm	Choir Room	Joanna Pepple
Sinfonia Allegro	12:30 to 1:15 pm	Choir Room	Rebekah Franklin; Joanna Pepple
Arioso	1:25 to 2:25 pm	Choir Room	Lisa Foltz, Joanna Pepple

Class Entrances and Exits

For Poco Players:

Up to 10 minutes before class, students may enter the choir room (accompanied by an adult) and find your designated hula hoop seat (indicated by a name card). Students should sit in the hula hoop. Students’ family group can sit behind the student. Class will end on time for students/parents to pack up and exit.

For Da Capo Strings:

Up to 10 minutes before class, students may enter Room 202 and take their designated seat (indicated by a name card). Chairs will be spread out. Unpack at your seat. A parent/adult helper can accompany a student next to your seat if desired.

For Preludio, Accelerando, Sinfonia Allegro, and Arioso:

Up to 10 minutes before class, begin lining up outside the choir room door in a single file line against the brick wall (6 feet apart). Leave room for the preceding class to exit. Wait until the preceding class exits and you are invited in. Proceed to your seat (indicated by a name card) or hula hoop, in the case of Preludio. Unpack at your seat. A parent/adult helper can accompany a student next to your seat if desired. Class will end on time (or 5 minutes early) for students to pack up. Students will be dismissed by section.

Chair Spacing, Stands, and Books

In order to maintain a safe, clean environment, we will space students significantly in each class. Poco Players and Preludio will have hula hoops to maintain physical distance, and all other classes will have chairs with name cards. Students in Da Capo Strings, Accelerando, Sinfonia Allegro, and Arioso are expected to bring their own instrument, folding stand, and books/music. Sharing stands or music will not be possible until the COVID-19 threat diminishes. Check for these items before you leave your home so that you can be prepared for class. We will not have extra stands or music available.

Homework Classroom (Room 210) and 2nd Floor Lobby

The Homework Classroom will be available for older students needing an air-conditioned space to work. The 2nd Floor Lobby will be available for families needing an air-conditioned space to wait on students in other classes. Please practice physical distancing and sit together with your family group, leaving separation between you and other family groups.

Sanitization and Cleanliness

We will be wiping down surfaces and frequently-touched items between classes. As students are packing up, we ask any parents available to help in wiping down these surfaces. Cleaning supplies will be provided and readily available. As always, please clean up all food messes and leave the church in even better condition than you found it.

Outside Gathering

The TRBC playground is open for students to use during class time. As always, a parent/adult must supervise all children who play on the playground. Students play at their own risk on the playground. Neither TRBC nor THSO are held liable for any injuries incurred or illness acquired on the playground.

Parents and families are asked not to gather on the outdoor portico during THSO hours. The portico should be left open for students lining up before their class begins and to allow a clear path for students exiting class. Parents watching children on the playground should be in the playground area.

For families/parents who want to socialize during THSO hours, we encourage you to make use of the vast lawn and field adjacent to the parking lot.

Mask Wearing

The Leon County Board of Commissioners enacted an emergency ordinance that went into effect on June 25, requiring that face coverings which cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly to the sides of the face be worn when indoors at business establishments and other places, including churches, that facilitate public interaction. You may access the [link to the Leon County ordinance here](#). THSO will follow Leon County's ordinance in order to: 1) help protect our students and families, 2) submit to Scripture by submitting to our local authorities (Romans 13:1, Titus 3:1), and (3) to respect the mask policy of TRBC. In accordance with the law, students 6 years old and older, as well as accompanying parents and family members, must wear a face covering when indoors at TRBC. If you or your student has a documented medical condition that prevents you from wearing a mask, please let me know in writing via an e-mail (tallyhomeschoolstrings@gmail.com) before classes start.

Symptoms and Illnesses

If you or your student has recently been exposed to a known COVID-19 case, stay home. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or Influenza, stay home to recover. By arriving on campus for class, we assume in good faith that you are symptom-free of any transmissible disease.

Symptoms Necessitating Staying Home

- cough
- fever (100.4 F or higher)
- chills

- headache
- muscle aches
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- severe fatigue
- new decrease in taste or smell
- diarrhea
- vomiting

Agreement and Consent

[Click the link here](#) to sign and acknowledge that you have read the THSO Fall 2020 COVID-19 Guidelines and are affirming to abide by them while on the TRBC campus. By electronically signing your name, you are also agreeing not to hold THSO, TRBC, Director Joanna Pepple, or any THSO teacher liable for the spread of infectious disease, knowing that THSO is taking all lawful precautions.