



Preucil School of Music

2026 Annual String Concert Bulletin

Concert Date: Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Hancher Auditorium

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FOR ALL OTHER WEEKLY REHEARSAL INFORMATION, PLEASE REFER TO THE HANCHER CONCERT INFORMATION SHEET FOR YOUR INSTRUMENT. YOU RECEIVED THIS FROM YOUR PRIVATE TEACHER IN OCTOBER.

THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE PREUCIL WEBSITE, WWW.PREUCIL.ORG

Dear Preucil Parents & Families:

Thank you for participating in the 48th Annual String Concert at Hancher Auditorium on **Sunday, February 1 at 2:00 p.m.** The concert is free and open to the public. The main doors to the Hancher Lobby will open at 12:00 p.m. The Auditorium will open at approximately 1:30 p.m. for seating. This concert is an important part of our curriculum and is an important learning experience for those who participate. We embrace this unique opportunity to share our music and represent Suzuki training in our community!

REMINDER: All students who are taking part in the Annual String Concert, including those who are not members of a group class, have received information from your teacher and are required to attend group classes as scheduled leading up to the concert. Please refer to the following pages for Dress Rehearsal and Concert Day schedules for your instrument and level.

All students and parents who are participating in the concert need to review the information in this bulletin. The information is arranged by instrument. Please note the instrument in the top left corner of the page. Your cooperation in attending all scheduled rehearsals for your group, arriving when indicated, and reviewing concert music carefully will help ensure a memorable concert.

CONCERT DRESS – see pages 3, 11 & 12 for more information.

- White long-sleeved dress shirts or blouses with black pants or skirts. Black socks and black dress shoes.
- PSSO members: Wear your black outfits for the entire concert.

GROUP/ORCHESTRA SCHEDULE: Post Hancher

The group/orchestra schedule following the Annual String Concert is on page 15 for your convenience.

Student Experience & Audience Etiquette and Manners

Preucil School of Music strives to create a professional performance opportunity at the Annual String Concert at Hancher Auditorium for participating students as part of their learning curriculum. Please be respectful of the students performing and fellow patrons by adhering to the guidelines for attending a professional music performance.

- The concert will start promptly at 2:00 p.m. Family members and guests should be prompt, as late seating will only take place between pieces. The concert ends at approximately 4:45 p.m.
- If you have a young child who is restless, please take them out to the lobby where Hancher staff can direct you to the quiet rooms.
- Please note the auditorium has two cry rooms in the back of the auditorium's orchestra level with seating and sound.
- Re-entry into the auditorium will only be done in between pieces during applause.
- Please be respectful of the performing students and fellow patrons by remaining quietly in your seats during the performances.
- When choosing your seats as you enter the Auditorium, please do not leave extra seats between you and the next person. We want to have plenty of space for everyone to sit without having to separate family members into single seats.
- Please do not use any perfume or aftershave at any Preucil School event. We have several students and adults with allergies to perfumes and aftershaves.
- **Video recording and photography of the concert is prohibited.** The concert will be professionally video recorded and photographed. Video of the concert will be available on YouTube and professionally taken photos will be made available for free after the concert.

FAQs for Parents:

1. **What is the Annual String Concert Bulletin?** It is a document giving important information about everything Hancher. Please read the Table of Contents, find your instrument, and you will find schedules for rehearsals and the concert day. The bulletin also contains general concert information, a Hancher map, and a schedule of activities for the various programs post-Hancher.
2. **What is a dress rehearsal?** A run-through of the concert pieces. Important performance details and general information are covered. Attendance is required.
3. **What does my student wear to the dress rehearsal?** School attire.
4. **Where does my student enter Hancher?** Use Entrance 3 on the west side of the building (Strauss Hall lobby entrance). It is located by the handicap parking on the west side of the building. See the map on pages 13-14.
5. **Who plays in the first half?** Espressivo Strings, Pretwinkle Violins/Cellos, Flutes, Violas, combined PSSO (Sinfonietta and Philharmonia)
6. **Who plays in the second half?** Cellos, Basses, and Violins
7. **What is Pretwinkle?** Our youngest violin and cello students who do not yet play Twinkle up to tempo.
8. **What is PSSO?** Preucil School String Orchestra - The school's most advanced orchestra is made up of Sinfonietta and Philharmonia.
9. **What is Espressivo Strings?** The school's most advanced violin performing ensemble was founded by Doris Preucil and is conducted by Lisa Guttenberg.
10. **What does my student wear for the performance?** Espressivo Strings and PSSO wear their Espressivo and PSSO attire. Pretwinkle and beyond wear black and white. White blouse or long-sleeved shirt, black skirt or dress pants, black socks or tights, and black dress shoes. No leggings or skirts above the knee. See pages 11 & 12 for more detailed information.
11. **Can I video and/or take photographs in the Auditorium?** No. See page 2.
12. **Can we leave after my student performs?** No. All performers are expected to remain for the entire concert. Observing the concert from an audience member's perspective is part of the student's learning experience. (Exception: Pretwinkle students may leave at intermission.)
13. **Who do I contact to volunteer for the dress rehearsals or on concert day?** If you did not sign up during online registration to volunteer, please contact Jenna Battleson at 319.337.4156 or jbattleson@preucil.org. Those parents who signed up at registration for Hancher as their volunteer activity will be contacted soon.

VIOLINS

Violin Dress Rehearsals

Expectations: All Violin students (except Pretwinkle) are expected to attend.

Monday, January 26

4:30-5:30 p.m. Espressivo, Concert Orchestra, & PSSO Violin students from Monday rehearsals (No Thursday, Friday, or Pretwinkle classes) will meet at North Campus in Walder Hall. Please arrive by 4:15 for tuning.

Friday, January 30

4:30-6:15 p.m. All Violin students (except Pretwinkle) meet at North Campus. Please arrive by 4:15 pm for tuning.

1. **Espressivo and ECCLES violins** enter in the lower level, unpack, and tune in Schubert Room. As soon as you are tuned, proceed upstairs to Walder Hall.
2. **All other violins** enter on the upper level, unpack, and tune in Studios A, B, C, E, & F.

Dress Rehearsal Format:

At your last lesson prior to the January 30 rehearsal, your teacher will give you a name tag with your entry piece listed. Please wear this to rehearsal.

The **violin** rehearsal starts with Twinkle and goes backwards through the concert. Once a piece has been rehearsed, the students for whom that will be their first piece will leave. (Example: If your child will enter the concert on Folk Song Medley, at the rehearsal they will play Twinkle, Folk Song Medley, and then will go home.)



Special notes to parents:

1. Parents of young students, please plan on staying at the school to help your students unpack and repack as soon as they are done.
2. The space will be limited for parents to watch the rehearsal in Walder Hall. If you want to **VOLUNTEER** to help with crowd control, there will be a chair for you. Contact Jenna Battleson at 337-4156 or jbattleson@preucil.org to volunteer. Otherwise, you may watch from the window in the faculty lounge. Please do not stand in the entrances to Walder Hall.
3. No group classes on Thursday, January 29 and no orchestras on Friday, January 30. The violins and viola dress rehearsals are on Friday, January 30.

Pretwinkle Violin Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, January 31 - Pretwinkle Violin (Saturday 9:00 class)
9:00-9:45 a.m. North Campus in Walder Hall

VIOLINS

Violin and Pretwinkle Violin Concert Day Schedule: Sunday, February 1

Violins in PSSO (Sinfonietta and Philharmonia)

11:30 a.m. **Arrival** - For detailed orchestra information see Orchestra Rehearsal Schedule, page 10.

11:50 **PSSO on Stage**

12:00-12:30 **PSSO Rehearsal**

Espressivo remains on Stage for run-through. All other **violins** from Sinfonietta and Philharmonia return to assigned rooms. (See **Violin** room assignments below).

12:40-12:50 **Espressivo Run-through on Stage**

Violins not in PSSO (Pretwinkle and beyond):

1:15 **Pretwinkle Violin students arrive PROMPTLY and report to Room 1306 and 1307.**

YOU PERFORM AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CONCERT! Please use Entrance 3 on the west side of the building.

1:30-2:00 **Violin students not in PSSO Orchestra (Twinkle and beyond) arrive.**

1. Do not come Backstage before the concert. Go directly to the Auditorium with your parents to listen to the first half of the concert.
2. At intermission report Backstage to assigned room. (See below).
3. Please know the name of the piece your child enters on. Clarify with your teacher.

Room Assignments – Violins

1st Half:

Pretwinkle Violins – Room 1306 and 1307

Each **Pretwinkle** student is to be accompanied by the parent who attends lessons (or designated replacement). Parents will stay with your child through the performance on stage. Wait for guidance for joining the audience.

Espressivo – Room 1210

PSSO Violins (non-Espressivo):

ECCLES/PSSO ONLY Violins – Room 2309

VIVALDI DOUBLE – Room 2312

2nd Half:

VIVALDI DOUBLE – Room 2312

SEITZ – Room 2311

MARTINI – Room 2301

TWO GRENADIERS – Room 1313

SONGS MY MOTHER – Room 1313

ALLEGRETTO – Room 1307

LONG LONG AGO – Room 1306

FOLK SONG MEDLEY – Room 1311

TWINKLE – Room 1309

VIOLAS

Viola Dress Rehearsal: Friday, January 30

Expectations: All Viola students are expected to attend.

4:30-5:30 All **Viola** students meet at the **North Campus** and enter the lower level. Unpack in the hallway and tune in the **Small Activity Room**. Rehearsal is in the **Small Activity Room**.

Viola Concert Day Schedule: Sunday, February 1

Violas in PSSO (Sinfonietta and Philharmonia)

11:30 a.m. **Arrival** - For detailed orchestra information see Orchestra Rehearsal Schedule, page 10.

11:50 **PSSO on Stage**

12:00-12:30 **PSSO Rehearsal**

12:30 **PSSO Violists** go back to **Transfer Room**.

12:20 **Non-PSSO Violists** (Amelia, Claire, Kobi, Oceana) arrive and report to **Transfer Room**. Use **Entrance 3** on the west side of the building.

12:40 **HUNGARIAN DANCE and AMERICAN FS** gather **Backstage** for run-through following **Espressivo**.

12:50-1:00 **Viola Run-through on Stage**

Viola students not in PSSO or do not play HUNGARIAN DANCE and AMERICAN FS (Twinkle and beyond):

1:20 p.m. Arrive. Use **Entrance 3** (Strauss Hall lobby) on the west side of the building and report to **Transfer Room**.

CELLOS

Cello Dress Rehearsal – Saturday, January 31

Expectations: All Cello students (except Pretwinkle Cello students) are expected to attend.

2:00-4:00 All Cello students meet at North Campus in Walder Hall.
(Arrive by 1:45. Unpack in Studios E & F and tune in Walder Hall.)

Pretwinkle Cello Dress Rehearsal – Sunday, January 25

10:15-10:45 a.m. Studio E at North Campus

Cello and Pretwinkle Cello Concert Day Schedule: Sunday, February 1

Cellos in PSSO (Sinfonietta and Philharmonia)

11:30 a.m. **Arrival - For detailed orchestra information see Orchestra Rehearsal Schedule, page 10.**
11:50 **PSSO on stage**
12-12:30 **PSSO Rehearsal**
12:30 **PSSO cellists go back to Strauss Hall.**
12:50 **Non-PSSO cellist** (Gemma Escandell-Tapias) in **Cello Choir** arrives and reports to Strauss Hall. Use Entrance 3 on the west side of the building.
1:10 **Cello Choir** gathers Backstage for run-through.
1:20-1:30 **Cello Choir Run-through on Stage**
1:30 Gemma joins family in the auditorium for first half.

Cello students not in PSSO (Twinkle and beyond):

1:15 **Pretwinkle Cello students arrive PROMPTLY and report to Strauss Hall.**
YOU PERFORM AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CONCERT! Please use Entrance 3 on the west side of the building.
1:30 **Cello students not in PSSO orchestra (Twinkle and beyond) arrive and report to Strauss Hall.** Use Entrance 3 on the west side of the building.

1. Put your instrument on the spot that corresponds with your position in the cello ensemble. Number to be assigned at dress rehearsals.
2. Go to the Auditorium with your family to listen to the first half of the concert.
3. At intermission, report to Strauss Hall. Cellos perform first in the second half.
4. After cello performance, return to Strauss Hall, pack up your cello, and join the audience for the rest of the concert. You may leave your cello in Strauss Hall until the concert ends. Please pick up your cello immediately following the concert.

BASSES

Bass Rehearsals:

Sunday, January 18 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm in Walder Hall at North Campus

Sunday, January 25 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm in Walder Hall at North Campus

Bass Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, January 31

4:15-5:15 All basses in Walder Hall at North Campus.

Concert Day Schedule for all Basses: Sunday, February 1

Basses in PSSO (Sinfonietta & Philharmonia) – Oliver Baumann and Jeanette Welch

11:30 a.m. **Arrival** - For detailed orchestra information see Orchestra Rehearsal Schedule, page 10.

11:50 **PSSO on stage**

12-12:30 **PSSO Rehearsal (Note: PSSO plays at end of first half.)**

12:30 **PSSO basses return to Strauss Hall.**

Bass students not in PSSO orchestra (Twinkle and beyond) arrive and report to Strauss Hall. Use Entrance 3 on the west side of the building. Unpack and tune in Strauss Hall for run-through.

12:50 All **Basses** gather **Backstage** for run-through.

1:00-1:10 **Bass Run-Through on Stage**

Basses not in PSSO orchestra:

1. Leave basses in Strauss Hall and join family in audience for the first half of concert.
2. At intermission, report to Strauss Hall for tuning/lining up.
3. After bass performance, return to Strauss Hall, pack up your bass, and join the audience for the rest of the concert. You may leave your bass in Strauss Hall until the concert ends. Please pick up bass immediately following the concert.

FLUTES

FLUTE Rehearsals:

Saturday, January 3 from 4:15-5:15 pm - Small Activity Room at North Campus

Saturday, January 10 from 4:15 – 5:15 pm - Small Activity Room at North Campus

Thursday, January 15 from 5:30-6:30 pm – Schubert Room

Saturday, January 17 from 4:15 – 5:15 pm - Small Activity Room at North Campus

Thursday, January 22 from 5:30-6:30 pm – Schubert Room

Saturday, January 24 from 4:15 – 5:15 pm – Small Activity Room at North Campus

Flute Dress Rehearsal – Saturday, January 31

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. All Flute students meet at the Small Activity Room at North Campus.

Concert Day Schedule for all Flutes: Sunday, February 1

12:40	All Flute students arrive and report to <u>Room 1313</u> . Use <u>Entrance 3</u> on the west side of the building. Unpack and tune for run-through.
1:00	All Flutes gather <u>Backstage</u> for run-through.
1:10-1:20	<u>Flute Run-Through on Stage</u>

PSSO ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS

Remaining PSSO Orchestra Rehearsals are as follows:

- **Monday, January 5 from 5:45 to 7:00 – Walder Hall, North Campus**
- **Monday, January 12 from 5:45 to 7:00 – Walder Hall, North Campus**
- **Monday, January 19 from 5:45 to 7:00 – Walder Hall, North Campus**
- **Monday, January 26 from 5:45 to 7:00 – Walder Hall, North Campus**
- **Sunday, February 1 from 12:00 to 12:30 – Dress Rehearsal for PSSO on Hancher Stage**

Concert Day Schedule for PSSO: Includes arrival times. Go to your respective rooms.

11:30 a.m.	Arrival. Enter through <u>Entrance 3</u> on the west side of the building and report to your respective rooms. ESPRESSIVO – Room 1210 ECCLES and PSSO ONLY VIOLINS – Room 2309 VIVALDI DOUBLE – Room 2312 VIOLAS – Transfer Room CELLOS – Strauss Hall BASS – Strauss Hall Unpack and be on stage promptly at 11:50 a.m.
11:50 a.m.	All PSSO orchestra members on <u>Stage</u> for dress rehearsal.
12:00 p.m.	Rehearsal begins

IMPORTANT PSSO and CONCERT ORCHESTRA NOTES:

- There are NO orchestra rehearsals on Monday, February 2.
- **NOTE: Espressivo, Con Brio, and Cello Choirs will meet on Monday, February 2.**
- The Orchestra Festival is on Monday, March 9.
- See page 15 for the schedule following Hancher.

Concert Dress Guidelines and Shopping Sites

The school would like to help parents as they shop to find the appropriate concert dress for their children. Concert dress for everyone except PSSO and Espressivo Strings is as follows:

- White, long-sleeved blouse with a collar, tucked in.
- Black knee length or longer skirts or black slacks.
- Black closed-toe dress shoes, no high heels – maximum heel height 1.5 -2”
- Black tights, plain with no design
- Black dress pants
- White long-sleeved shirt with normal collar or mandarin collar
- Black belt
- Black dress shoes
- Black socks

The following attire does not meet concert dress standards:

NO miniskirts, tight skirts, skirts that have a slit down the side or front, jumpers, polka dots, glitter, red shoes, large hair bows, leggings, sport pants, capris, sheer white blouses, off-white tops, short sleeves/sleeveless tops, untucked blouses/shirts, tennis shoes, or sandals.

On the next page, you will find information to help shop easily for your child when the time comes. We hope to eliminate attire issues by providing you with these clothing sites and concert dress guidelines. If you already have clothes that meet the concert dress guidelines, please feel free to use them. If not, do not spend precious time shopping when you can order directly online from one of the following sources.

See the next page for more information. →→→→→

Save the Date!
Preucil School's
Orchestra Festival

Date: Monday, March 9

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Voxman Music Building

More information will be emailed to orchestra families in mid-February.

Places to Order Concert Dress for Students not in PSSO or Espressivo

Recommended links for group students who are NOT in PSSO or Espressivo:

White Knit Long-Sleeved, Collared\Blouse – Lands' End

https://www.landsend.com/products/girls-long-sleeve-button-front-peter-pan-collar-knit-shirt/id_365185?attributes=32671

Black A-line knee-length Skirt, Performance Knit Style 504KAA—Formal Fashions Inc. - BLACK
[Style 504KAA - A-Line Skirt Knee Length | Formal Fashions \(formalfashionsinc.com\)](https://www.formalfashionsinc.com/Style-504KAA-A-Line-Skirt-Knee-Length)

Black Pants - Plain Front- Lands' End

https://www.landsend.com/products/girls-stretch-pencil-pants/id_365212?attributes=7674,8063,43307,43323,43385,44257,44328

White Dress Shirt, to be tucked in - Formal Fashions Inc.

[Style 2109 - White Dress Shirt | Formal Fashions \(formalfashionsinc.com\)](https://www.formalfashionsinc.com/Style-2109-White-Dress-Shirt)

Black Flex Fit Waist Dress Pant with Tailored Front - Formal Fashions Inc.

[Style 2701 - Flex Fit Waist Dress Pant with Tailored Front | Formal Fashions \(formalfashionsinc.com\)](https://www.formalfashionsinc.com/Style-2701-Flex-Fit-Waist-Dress-Pant-with-Tailored-Front)

Black Pants – Chino – Lands' End

https://www.landsend.com/products/school-uniform-boys-iron-knee-blend-plain-front-chino-pants/id_364129?attributes=7674,12323,44258,48354,52957

WELCOME TO HANCHER

Hancher Auditorium is named after Virgil M. Hancher, who was president of the University of Iowa from 1940 to 1964. The building, housing an 1800-seat auditorium and a flexible performance/rehearsal hall, was designed by Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects, from New Haven, Connecticut.

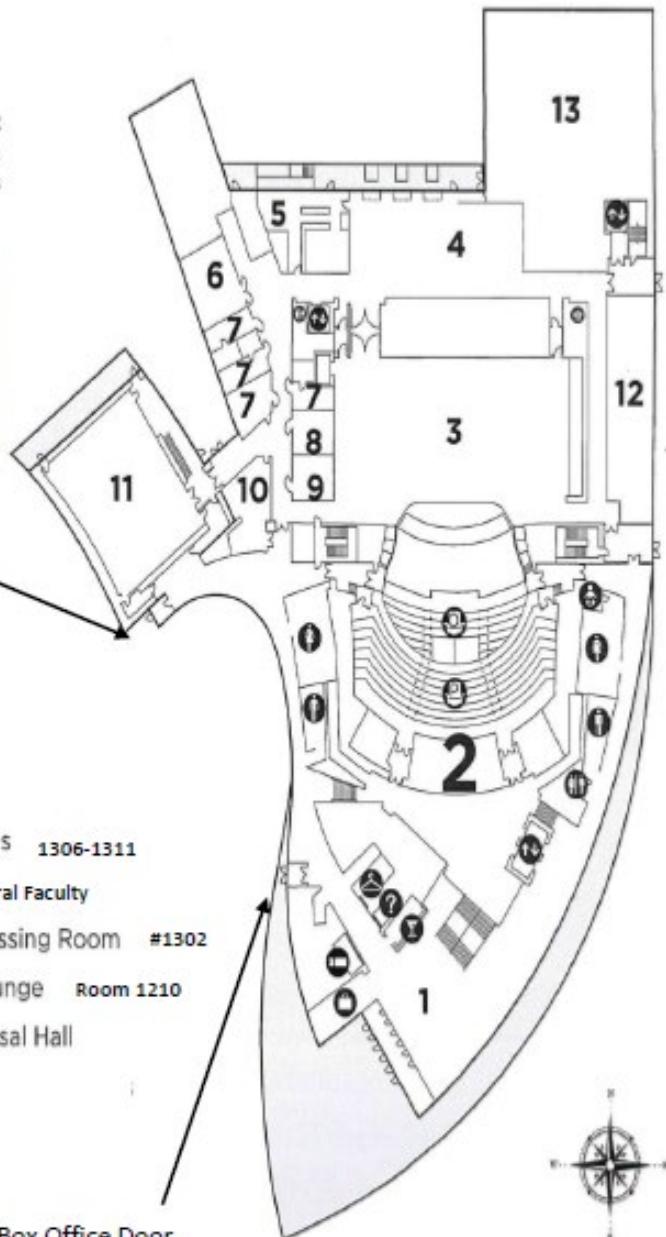


Student Entrance – Strauss Hall door #3

LEVEL 1 • FIRST FLOOR

- 1** Smith Lobby
 - Concessions
 - Hancher Showcase
 - Hancher Box Office
 - Concierge
 - Coat Check
- 2** The Auditorium
 - Parterre seating
 - Orchestra seating
- 3** Hadley Stage

- 4** Transfer Room
- 5**
- 6** Room 1313
- 7** Tuning Rooms 1306-1311
- 8** Room 1304 General Faculty
- 9** Conductor Dressing Room #1302
- 10** Performers Lounge Room 1210
- 11** Strauss Rehearsal Hall
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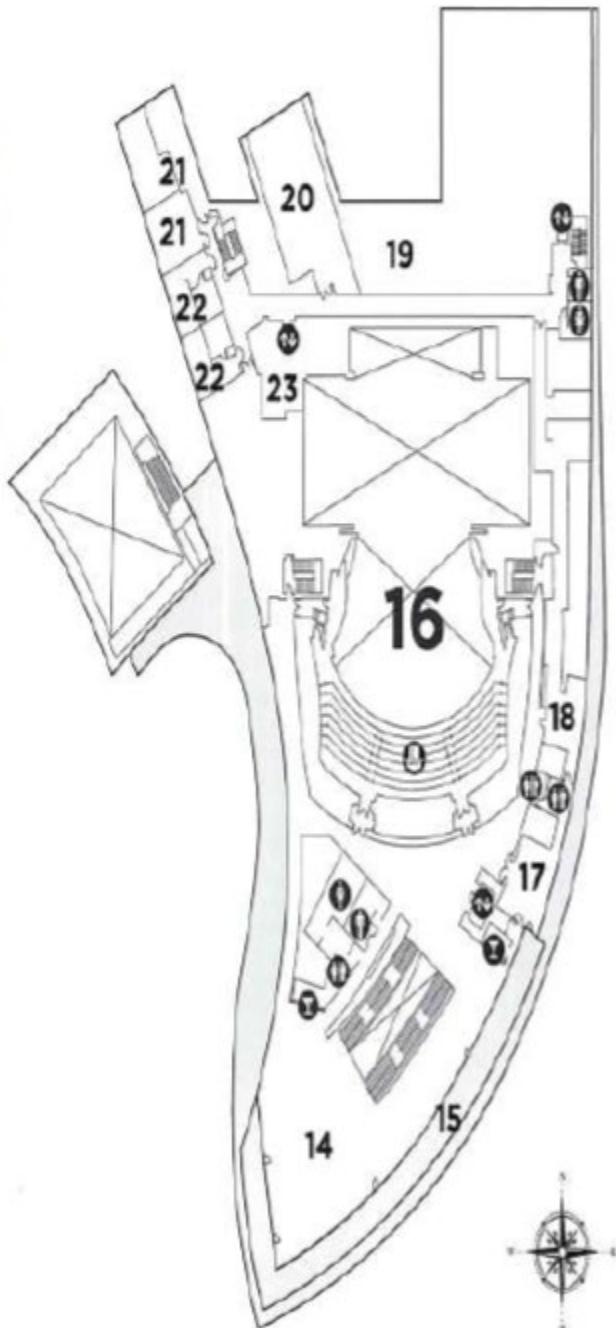
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LEVEL 2 • SECOND FLOOR

- 14** Stanley Café & Bar
- 15** Outdoor Terrace
- 16** The Auditorium
- 17** Lower Balcony seating

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21 Tuning Rooms 2311 & 2312
22 Tuning Rooms 2301 & 2309
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Schedule Following Annual String Concert - 2026

	Feb 2 - 7	Feb 8 – March 7	March 8 - 14 Orchestra Festival March 9	March 15 - 21 Spring Break	Remainder of Semester
PSSO & Concert Orchestra	No	Yes	Orchestra Festival March 9	No Spring Break	No End of PSSO/Concert
Espressivo Strings	Yes	Yes	No	No Spring Break	No End of Espressivo
Jr. Cello Choir	Yes	Yes	No	No Spring Break	Yes Classes continue through April 27
Con Brio	Yes	Yes	No	No Spring Break	No End of Con Brio
Cello Choir	Yes	Yes	No	No Spring Break	Yes Classes continue through April 27
Pretwinkle Group Classes	No	No	No	No Spring Break	No
Thursday Group Classes	No	Yes	No	No Spring Break	Yes Classes continue through April 23
Friday Group Classes	No	Yes	No	No Spring Break	Yes Classes continue through April 24
Prelude Orchestra	Yes – extended 4:30-6:15	Yes	No	No Spring Break	No End of Prelude
Crescendo/Vivace Orchestra	Yes - extended 4:30-6:15	Yes	No Orchestra Festival March 9	No Spring Break	No End of Crescendo/Vivace

Sunday, February 1 – **Hancher Concert**

Monday, March 9 – **Orchestra Festival**

Sunday, April 26 – **Winter Chamber/Velay Certificate Chamber Concert**