



## NELSON COUNTY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA INFORMATION SHEET

### OUR MISSION and VISION

*NCCO's mission is to provide high quality, affordable musical experiences for the people of Nelson County and neighboring communities in a welcoming, friendly, supportive, innovative, educational environment.*

*We envision a strong, inspired and enriched community, where each individual's musical "voice" is honored and nurtured.*

The NCCO programming provides an ongoing opportunity for adults and youth to enjoy performing music together, to provide accessible educational public concerts, and to collaborate with area performing arts groups, and local talented musicians of other genres, to create unique interactive performances that show case our native, ethnic and cultural talents and that inspire, motivate and support a new generation of orchestral musicians.

It is our hope that this music group be "member" motivated and allow for friendly discussions and suggestions for program ideas, music selection, collaborative projects, and outreach and for working together to implement our ideas in a way where we feel enriched by our participation, contributions and feel joy of making music.

### ELIGIBILITY

All ages are invited to join this orchestra. Children under 13 are eligible at the discretion of our conductor.

### SUGGESTED LEVEL OF ABILITY

Players of all levels are welcome! It is advisable that participants have a general understanding and ability to read music on their instrument. We will do our best to help accommodate our member's reading and playing skills as this orchestra is an opportunity for all of us to grow musically.

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Weekly rehearsals are held on Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the Rockfish Presbyterian Church in Nellysford. See our website for directions. Three sessions (approximate 8-10 weeks long) run from September through May or early June. During the summer months, mid-June through August, there will be scheduled opportunities for members to get together and keep up their skills with self-directed rehearsals.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

There are two classes of membership, performing (including youth performing) and nonperforming. Membership dues are \$25.00 renewable by the fall annual meeting (usually September). Members in good standing are entitled to attend general and special meetings, vote on all topics coming before the membership, hold office, or serve on a standing or special committee. Please complete a membership form available on our website, [www.nelsoncco.org](http://www.nelsoncco.org)

Stand donations of \$70 are collected the first rehearsal of each new session. The stand donation is to help cover expenses which include compensating our hired professional conductor/arranger to lead and educate our group, arranging and purchasing music, copying and other concert expenses. Membership dues for performing members of \$25.00 is automatically included as part of the first recommended paid stand fee donation paid in the season. Checks should be written out to Nelson County Community Orchestra.

Scholarships are available to students and adults for the stand donation. Please, let us know if you need a scholarship. NO ONE is refused participation in NCCO due to financial reasons.

## ATTENDANCE AND REHEARSAL PREPARATION

Weekly attendance is very important. We are a small orchestra and your attendance at rehearsals is needed to represent the musical part you play in each piece. If you will not be attending, please email or call Diane Sprinkle, Membership Coordinator, as soon as possible. Email: [dsprinked@aol.com](mailto:dsprinked@aol.com) Phone: 434-946-7834

Please arrive at rehearsal early enough to have your instrument tuned and music ready for our rehearsal to begin promptly at 7:00 PM. You will need to bring your own stand to each rehearsal and concert. We request that you hole punch your music and keep it in a black notebook. (NCCO has some available for issue.)

## WEATHER OR OTHER CANCELLATIONS

Members will be called and/or e-mailed if rehearsal is cancelled due to inclement weather or any other circumstance. That missed rehearsal will be made up "if possible" during a time agreed upon by our members.

## PRACTICING

It is expected that members practice their music at home. If members have questions and are having practice difficulties, assistance will be available through other musicians in the orchestra, or the conductor.

## CONCERTS

Each 8 - 10 week session will culminate in a concert at RVCC and/or another selected venue. Additional concerts will be scheduled at the discretion of our members – please see the NCCO calendar on our website, [www.nelsoncco.org](http://www.nelsoncco.org) to know when we will be performing.

## CONCERT ATTIRE

Our attire is generally a combination of black and white, unless we all decide on something else for a particular program.

## DONATIONS

NCCO is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and we welcome donations to alleviate our expenses and to provide scholarships. Please feel free to make tax-deductible donations to the Nelson County Community Orchestra. We would really appreciate it. We also welcome in kind donations of goods and services.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Your help is VERY IMPORTANT to keep NCCO a growing, thriving organization. Please talk to any board member if you are interested in helping us out. Board positions are officially voted in annually at the annual meeting held each fall. However, we welcome new board and committee members at any time.

Artistic Programming Committee  
Finance & Audit Committee  
Publicity Committee

Reception/Social Committee  
Fundraising Committee  
Music Library Committee

Volunteer Management Committee  
String Education Committee (SEP)  
Nominating Committee

## MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

If you are a member in good standing, (defined as having submitted your application, fulfilled your membership dues commitment and attending rehearsals and concerts on a regular basis) you are entitled to attend general and special meetings, vote on all topics coming before the membership, hold office, or serve on a standing or special committee.

For more information visit our website, [www.nelsoncco.org](http://www.nelsoncco.org) or contact us at [info@nelsoncco.org](mailto:info@nelsoncco.org).

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