



# Murray Symphony News

News and information for the week of October 27 to November 3

Edition 3

Welcome to the Murray Symphony newsletter for the week of October 27 to November 3. This is where you can find the latest information about what's happening in the symphony. It will be updated every Thursday right after rehearsal and stored in our Member Portal on the website [murraysymphony.org](http://murraysymphony.org).

The password for the member tab is PlayMurray. This is where Board agendas and minutes, the current directory and any other information the group needs to know.

## First Concert of the Season

Our first concert was fun and very well received. Everyone enjoyed Brooke, the magician, and the music. It was fun. Let's do it again.

Our next concert is on December 11. "Ring Out Wild Bells" featuring the Wesley Bell Ringers. We started sight reading some of the music this week. Welcome to Leslie Moon who will be playing the piano with us for this concert. We appreciate her willingness to help out.

### From the Conductors and the Board this week:

Michelle would like us all to listen and become familiar with the pieces we are performing in December.

Troika-Leiutenant Kije (3'00")

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WSoKiHZffY>

Mozart Sleigh Ride (2'40")

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dv6hl2CpvA>

Overture from *Messiah*-4'00"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EBjgiD9zZ4>

The Bells of Christmas (7'00")

<https://youtu.be/mFYktyADr5c?t=19>

Joy to the World- 3'00" (Tatgenhorst)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cn-IEa0gMvg>

Christmas Eve Suite-Polonaise (5'30")

<https://youtu.be/k0vFOax7ZeU?t=1027>

Christmastide-8'00" (This was the only one I could find) <https://youtu.be/zoxgCk5JDIc?t=21>

Michelle announced that everyone to take the black symphony folders home with them to protect the music when we all practice during the week. If the folder is damaged or lost, the player will be responsible to replace it. The replacement cost is about \$20 plus the cost of replacing each piece of music. In addition, all music is numbered and the player that is assigned to that number will be responsible for the cost of replacing the part.

It has been requested that we have sectional rehearsals again. The board decided to have sectionals on the third week of rehearsals for any concert. This means we will have sectionals on November 10. Time and location of these rehearsals should be determined by each section. The school will be open for those who would like to use that space, but you may also meet at another location of your choice.

## Symphony Personnel



We are experiencing some personnel shortages. Our horn section needs some new blood. If you know a horn player who might like to play with us, have them contact us through the email: [contact@murraysymphony.org](mailto:contact@murraysymphony.org) or the website.

## The Latest in our Search for a new director

There is a deadline for those who are interested in becoming our new Music Director. Their applications need to be with us by this weekend (October 31). We will look at the applications and decide with them when they will conduct our rehearsals.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at [contact@murraysymphony.org](mailto:contact@murraysymphony.org).

## Concerto Auditions—November 20, at the school

Speaking of auditions, we have 6 people now who have signed up for audition for concerto night. They are (in no particular order) Leon Francis, Jim Thompson, Katie Damon, Amanda Brown, The plan is for the orchestra to play a number at the beginning and another one at the end, if any of you would like to audition, we still have room on the program. Amanda Brown will accompany those who want an accompanist for the tryouts. She will meet with you before hand to prepare both of you for the audition. Those who are interested should let us know by October 31.

## Piano Auditions

We want to thank our pianist, Elizaabeth Lee for playing with us for our last two concerts. We are now holding auditions for another pianist. These auditions will be on November 20 also at the School at 11 AM. Each player should be familiar with an electronic keyboard and should prepared a piece of their choice, sight read a piece, and play a directed hymn to ascertain if they have an ability to follow a conductor and stay with a group. Interested players should fill out an audition sheet on the website, [murraysymphony.org](http://murraysymphony.org).

## Attendance

There are 5 rehearsals left before the December concert. Please try to only miss one rehearsal between now and then. It is most effective if we rehearse together as much as possible. Even when we know we can play the notes, we need everyone in attendance to make music.

The Section Facilitators are helping us with this. We understand that illness and emergencies happen, do the best you can.



The board meets on the Third Wednesday of every month right after rehearsal. All members are welcome to attend. If you let us know, we will put you on the agenda.