



SUMMER/FALL 2011

Dear incoming Freshman,

On behalf of my colleagues, Professor Daniels, Chair of the Music Department, and the music faculty, I would like to welcome you to Eastern Illinois University for an exciting year of music as we celebrate another exciting year in our new Doudna Fine Arts Center:

<http://www.eiu.edu/doudna/>.

According to our records you expressed an interest in one of our instrumental ensembles and as the Director of Orchestral Activities at EIU I wanted to personally send you some information about the Eastern Symphony Orchestra in case you were interested in participating. For more information regarding the ESO click the following link:

http://www.eiu.edu/~music/ensembles_eastern_symphony_orchestra.php

As the summer moves closer to the end and the beginning of the school is just around the corner I wanted to send you a letter about the upcoming concerts, events, and opportunities in store for the year. I have also attached the concert schedule to leave with your family so that they can plan to attend these concerts.

The Eastern Symphony Orchestra is open to all undergraduate and graduate students, alumni, faculty and staff. The string section is comprised of music majors, non-music majors, and community members. The wind and percussion sections are comprised of the finest music majors in the Department of Music. The Eastern Symphony Orchestra has quickly become one of the premiere regional orchestras in the state of Illinois.

Enrollment: Students may receive academic credit for orchestra participation. All string performers must enroll in MUS 0210. Wind and Percussion performers enroll in MUS 0211. Students receive one hour of academic credit for each semester of participation. Most degree programs will accept orchestra credit as a "free elective." We strongly encourage you to check with your department's academic advisors for details.

Eastern Symphony Orchestra Auditions. All students must audition for participation in the orchestra. Wind/Brass auditions will be held during the first week of classes beginning on Monday and Tuesday, August 22 and 23, 2011 from 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Percussion auditions for both Wind Symphony and ESO will be announced. ESO string auditions: Wednesday evening August 24, from 6:00 – 10:00 PM. Orchestra placement auditions: Strings: auditioning should prepare two contrasting works from solo repertoire and etudes. Woodwinds and Brass are to prepare three orchestral excerpts (provided by your studio teacher) as well as a solo piece or etude. Five to ten minutes of music should be prepared for the audition. All auditions will be held in Doudna 2425.

Please stop by my office (Doudna Fine Arts center #2425) to sign-up for an audition time.

Performance Schedule: The ESO performs at least twice each semester in formal concerts both on and off-campus. The ESO does participate in local, regional and national tours and competitions. Additional performances each semester for those selected to play in the Eastern Symphony Chamber Orchestra & Collegium Musicum which rehearse during the regularly scheduled times.

Applied Studies: Students may also study privately for academic credit. Applied study is available for all instruments through the EIU Department of Music. Students must have teacher approval to enroll in private lessons. For more information please visit our website (see below).

PICNIC: We will be having a picnic on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011 from 4–8PM at Morton Park Pavilion for all those involved in music department ensembles. It will be a time when we can get acquainted with one another and just relax and have fun! Details about the picnic will be announced during the first week of class.

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Visit our website at: <http://www.eiu.edu/~music/index.php>

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES and PICNIC: are available for those who are interested. We will have a strong Student Advisory Board made up of representatives from the Eastern Symphony Orchestra, University Mixed Chorus, and Concert Choir. We will be looking for officers to cover: treasurer, fund raising, costume/concert dress, travel, technical director, publicity, tickets, social, cassette/CD and historian.

Again we would like to welcome you to Eastern Illinois University and we look forward to helping you in any way we can. See you soon. Until then, continue to have a great summer,

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