

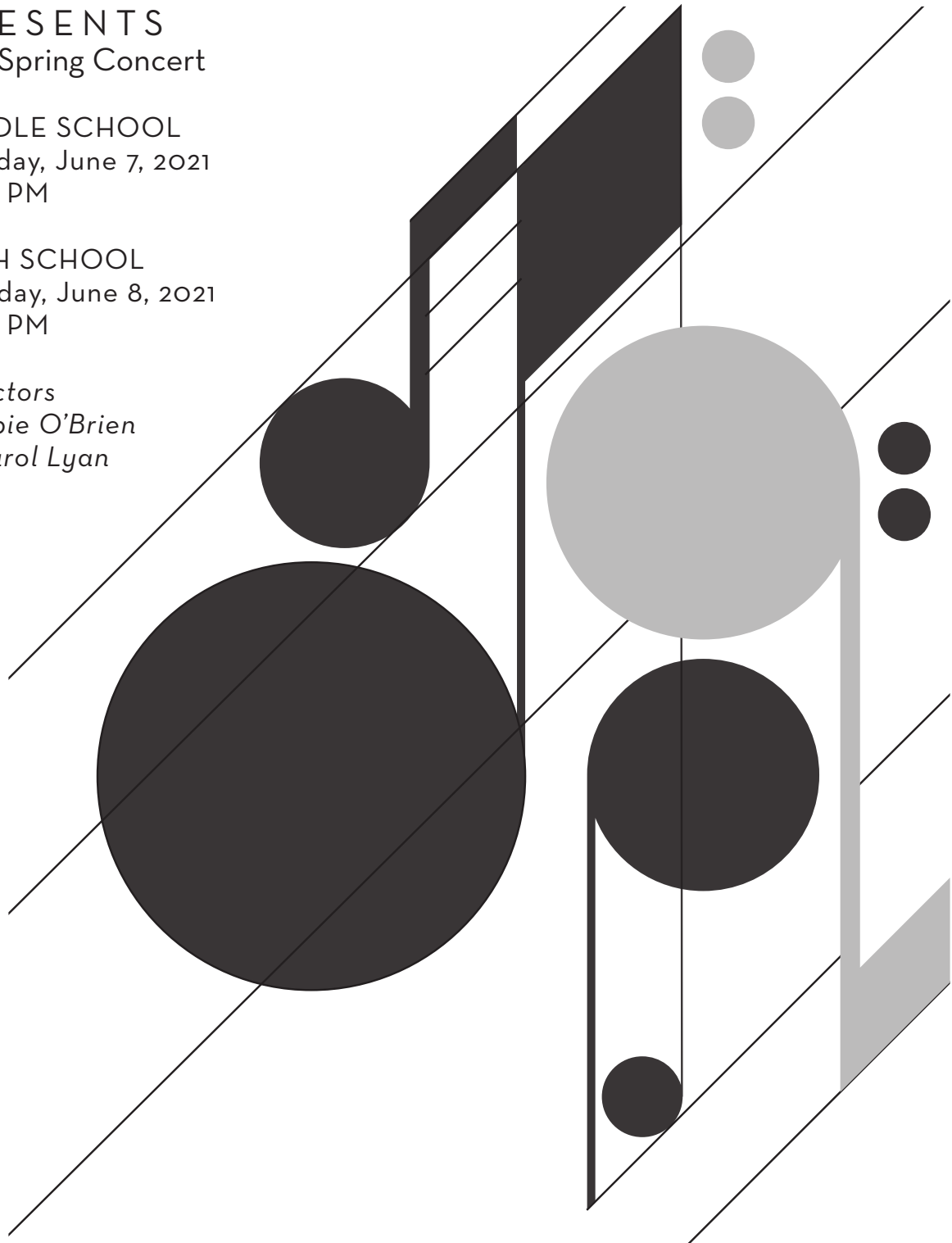
BENBROOK MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

PRESENTS
The Spring Concert

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Monday, June 7, 2021
6:00 PM

HIGH SCHOOL
Tuesday, June 8, 2021
6:00 PM

*Directors
Debbie O'Brien
& Carol Lyan*



PROGRAM

WELCOME - Ms. O'Brien & Mrs. Lyan

Thank you for joining us this evening. Please enjoy our concert!

SELECTIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT EACH CONCERT

Beginning Orchestra

Middle School Sinfonietta Orchestra

Middle School Philharmonic Orchestra

High School Symphonic Orchestra

High School Honors Orchestra

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM MS. DEBBIE O'BRIEN, Director

I would like to thank all the parents, staff, and community for helping our students get through these crazy times we found ourselves in. It has definitely been a stretch for all of us to think outside of the box on how to create music together. Some students embraced it and still found a way while others are waiting to be in person again to accomplish that. Creating music without actually being in the same room is not the easiest way to make music but as I have told the students, making music in different locations and putting it together is a way that professionals have done it for decades. And then there were individual performances that students could participate in this year. We had many students engage in the individual contests such as All-Region, All-State, Solo Contests including State contests. These "solo" students were able to make music on their own which is the foundation of playing in a group. If the individual student is not proficient on their instrument, then the group will not be as good as it could be.

As the year went by, I started to realize that without the constraints of set standards (concerts that could not be performed) that we could spend more time doing different creative things and teach students more about music than just sitting down and playing their instruments. We were able to share music videos with excellent professionals and have students reflect on why they were so good. We got to talk about music history, music theory, music literature and why some pieces were written the way they were. We got to talk to a famous composer as he came on our Google Meet and shared his experiences and inspired us to be creative in creating our own music. I have encouraged many students to start their own YouTube channels, and some have done that.

The Middle School students got to play many games that they thought were not related to music but were. And most middle schoolers took on the challenge of playing a solo for contest. Way to go! The middle school students were rock solid on their music endeavors this year and improving so much! Thanks Mrs. Lyan!

The High School students got to use a program called Soundtrap which allows the students to be creative on using pre-recorded sound samples to mix to create songs. Some students took it a step further to learn how to edit their own sound samples and make original compositions. Some high school students took our extra orchestra class and each student had multiple projects throughout the year. Some did the individual solo/All-Region projects while others learned music compositions, their favorite movie tunes, or new instruments. And others worked on individual projects tailored to what they needed at the time. Some middle and high school students participated in the virtual orchestra piece that we premiered in December. They worked on a piece, recorded it at home, sent it in, and I put it together to make a video. This is just like so many professional projects.

And all the students who performed for the spring contests had to REALLY dig deep. This was especially true for the 2 high school groups since most of the students and most of the Juniors and Seniors were at home. All of the students, middle and high, had to step up and trust their talents and play out with each student improving exponentially. They learned that they could accomplish greatness if they just believed in themselves, continue to work hard, and learned not to ever give up. Not giving up was a biggest lesson for us all.

MS. O'BRIEN'S SPECIAL NOTE CONT'D...

All in all, the year has allowed us to reset and be creative in different ways that a normal of year would not allow. As I was getting the content ready for this program for DeAnna Gonzales who graciously designs it (thank you!), I had to keep crossing off all the missed events that we did not do, but then I realized...if a student was “down for it” as Mrs. Lyan would say, the students were able to be more creative than ever. Wow! I was reminded by a mentor of mine recently that I always make lemonade out of lemons (thank you Mr. Nixon) and to not give up (thank you Mrs. Harper & Mr. Huff). Students, even I had to encourage myself many times this year not to give up when things got tough. Why, because someone did that for me in my past and now Mrs. Lyan and I are doing that for you. Don't ever give up when things get tough. You may have to take a breather but get back in the ring and fight for yourself to keep getting better at whatever it is that you are working on at the time. And no matter what, there is always another way to look at what seems like a bad situation. I can count the many things that happened that are better for us and myself personally throughout this experience. Now, don't get me wrong, I see the bad that this whole covid-19 pandemic has brought but let's not dwell on that. I am looking forward to what things I have learned from this whole experience and what I can use in the future to help others be all they can be.

Finally, I want to thank a few more people. Thank you, Booster Club Executive Board for helping us this year. I could not do this without you. Thank you, parents for supporting your children every step of the way! Thank you, Administration and staff for always supporting our kids. Thank you to the Instrumental Music team, Ms. Walk, Mr. Clardy, Mrs. Harper, Mr. Huff, and Ms. Sartain. We could not do this without you!! Thank you, Mrs. Lyan for working so hard and working together as the “dream team”. I definitely could not have done this without you! And, thank you students (seniors - read your letter in this program). Students, you are the reason we do what we do. To give you the best experience we can give you. It is a team effort of many current and past people who have helped us along the way. I hope there is one thing that you will remember this year that we have talked about over and over. Be there for others, lend a hand, listen to them, pick them up when they need it because when you are there for others someone will be there for you. Have a good summer and do something for a loved one and for yourself.

Ms. O

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CONGRATULATIONS & ACCOLADES

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors!

Thank you for all your years of talent and service to the BMHS Orchestra.

We will always remember you!

Zane Beaty
Lily Burdett
Maya Flores
Belen Hernandez
Lindsay Macke
Raina Smith
Chase Ramirez
Brianna Wilkinson

Dear Seniors,

It has been an honor to be your Orchestra Director all these years. Watching you grow into the fine young adults you have become has been a wonderful journey. It was definitely difficult trying to do what we do in Orchestra without you being at school this year. We certainly have missed your talents and leadership but somehow, we made it through. The legacy that you and the other seniors before you have left with us will help perpetuate us forward to new heights. I wish you all the best as you begin the next chapter of your lives and I hope that you will continue in music somehow. And mostly, I will always remember the great times we had together making great music!

Congratulations to our Graduating 8th Graders!

Adonis Calton	Emma Parlinton
Christian Castillo	Julissa Renovato
James Davis	Aidan Roberts
Olivia Garcia	Michael Saed
Delaney Harriman	Elizabeth Skipper
Arden Hobdy- Hardman	Michael Sledge
Lillian Krueger	Savannah Tucker
Kaden Looper	Joseph Wilkinson
Caden Martinez	
Itzel Mendez	
Rila Nugent	
Dominic Nunez	

CONGRATULATIONS & ACCOLADES

Congratulations to the following High School students who made the All-Area Orchestra.

VIOLIN

Joy Kim

VIOLA

Maria Chipekwe

Sam Nors

BASS

Nathan Chase

Congratulations to the following Middle and High School students who made the All-Region Orchestra.

HIGH SCHOOL

VIOLIN

Paul Estes

Belen Hernandez

Joy Kim

VIOLA

Maria Chipekwe

Sam Nors

CELLO

Cesar Delgado

Samuel Nelson

BASS

Nathan Chase

MIDDLE SCHOOL

VIOLA

Aidan Roberts

CELLO

Blake Weeg

BASS

Joseph Wilkinson

Congratulations to the students who advanced to Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest.

VIOLIN

Joy Kim

VIOLA

Maria Chipekwe

Sam Nors

CELLO

Cesar Delgado

PIANO & MUSIC THEORY

Ben Lowery

CONGRATULATIONS & ACCOLADES

Earning a Letter Jacket in Orchestra is extremely vigorous. The following students earned a Letter Jacket or Letter.

Nathan Chase
Maria Chipekwe

Cesar Delgado
Paul Estes

Joy Kim
Lindsay Macke

Sam Nors
Raina Smith

Congratulations to the High School Honors and the Middle School Philharmonic Orchestras as they were able to perform for UIL Orchestra Concert & Sightreading Contest this year. Many music groups across Texas were not able to perform due to the pandemic, so we consider ourselves fortunate to be able to submit video performances this year. Both groups earned a Sweepstakes trophy for excellence. Thank you to our FWISD String Specialist, Diane Harper, and Orchestra Consultant, Bill Huff for helping us all along the way!

Congratulations to the Honors, Symphonic, Philharmonic, and Sinfonietta Orchestras for getting excellent ratings at the FWISD Assessment Concert & Sightreading Contest! You all did an outstanding job this year even through these times.

The Beginners are participating in the FWISD Beginner Evaluation Contest. Videos were submitted and we will hear back soon on their results. They have worked very hard this year and sound wonderful!

INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS

We had many students compete individually in contests like normal but many students did all their work online. There were some students we never saw but we heard them over the internet to help them prepare.

Congratulations to the High School Students who competed in UIL Solos & Ensembles in March.

Nathan Chase
Maria Chipekwe
Cesar Delgado
Paul Estes
Joseph Hassler

Belen Hernandez
Joy Kim
Ben Lowery
Julianna Moses
Sam Nelson

Ben Nors
Sam Nors
MaLéna Ramirez
Luci Rotman
Bethany Webb

CONGRATULATIONS & ACCOLADES

Congratulations to all the Students who competed in the FWISD Solo & Ensemble Contests in June.

HIGH SCHOOL

Nathan Chase
Maria Chipekwe
Cesar Delgado
Paul Estes
Joseph Hassler
Belen Hernandez

Joy Kim
Ben Lowery
Julianna Moses
Samuel Nelson
Ben Nors
Samuel Nors

MaLéna Ramirez
Luci Rotman
Tatiana Spencer
Bethany Webb

MIDDLE SCHOOL (FWISD SOLO)

Sophia Abodeely
Sophie Aida
Sofia Ainsworth
Consuelo Alfaro
Kailyn Altmiller
Cheyenne Anderson
Ava Augustus
Camryn Bentley
Charlie Boeck
Savannah Cardenas
Dakota Carter
Fiona Chan
Kevin Chan

Hannah Colvin
Xavier Diaz
James Davis
Issac Dons
Abby Estes
Leah Garcia
Lexie Garcia
Lori-Ann Goodson
Andrew Granado
Ivan Grimaldo
Delaney Harriman
Keaton Hennessey
Lexi Klement

Keri Kline
Evan Kramer
Michelle Mato
Madelynn Merritt
Allie Nava
Rila Nugent
Emma Parlinton
Abyela Patterson
Clark Phillips
Julissa Renovato
Ixcoatl Rios-Tinoco
Aidan Roberts
Fernando Rodriguez

Christopher Romero
Michael Saed
Alexis Siddiq
Elizabeth Skipper
McKenna Skipper
Jonathan Solis
Gerado Trejo
Ennie Troqe
Savannah Tucker
Blake Weeg
Daniel Viola
Alicia Ybarra

ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL

Beginning Orchestra

VIOLIN

Kamryn Betsinger
Jase Borja
Mason Colwell
Izzy Davis
Issac Dons
Abby Estes
Leah Garcia
Lexie Garcia

Samantha Gloria
Keaton Hennessey
Natalya Hernandez
Corban Kemp
Michelle Mato
Allie Nava
Chloe O'Connor
Abyela Patterson

Fernando Rodriguez
Christopher Romero
Jonathan Solis
Ennie Troqe
Zakayli Tyrell
Mya Vasquez
Alicia Ybarra

VIOLA

Sophia Abodeely
Sophie Adia
Cheyenne Anderson
Alexander Calton
Kevin Chan
Hannah Colvin

Andrew Granado
Ivan Grimaldo
Anamaria Ortiz
Hayle Ozuna
Clark Phillips
McKenna Skipper

Jaylen Summers
Gerardo Trejo
Erica Vidal
Daniel Viola

CELLO

Sofia Ainsworth
Kailyn Altmiller
Ava Augustus

Charlie Boeck
Lyla Deen
Lexi Klement

Cesar Ordonez
Ixcoatl Rios-Tinoco
Alexis Siddiq

BASS

Jakob Humbert

Andres Mendiri Alvarez

Middle School Sinfonietta

VIOLIN

Savannah Cardenas
Xavier Diaz
Otoniel Gonzalez
Arden Hobdy-Hardman
Keri Kline

Lillian Krueger
Jissey Lazaro
Kaden Looper
Itzel Mendez
Madelynn Merritt

Elisabeth Messer
Victoria Pena
Michael Saed
Hayden Schwiderski
Katrina Thomas

VIOLA

Daniel Barnett
Adonis Calton
Abigail Lowry

Gabriel McDaniel
Michael Sledge

CELLO

Consuelo Alfaro

Taylor Crew

Rila Nugent

BASS

Dakota Carter

Zaniah Thompkins

ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL

Middle School Philharmonic

VIOLIN

Jeff Carper
Olivia Garcia
Ziyan Hajiyani

Addison Lee
Melissa Mazariegos
Dominic Nunez

Emma Parlington
Elizabeth Skipper
Ana Vasquez Pina

VIOLA

Briana Baez Lugo
Camryn Bentley
Julissa Renovato

Aidan Roberts
Sianna Estupinan

CELLO

Fiona Chan
James Davis
Lori-Ann Goodson

Delaney Harriman
Evan Kramer
Caden Martinez

Blake Weeg
Glory White

BASS

Christian Castillo

Gage Hugues

High School Symphonic

VIOLIN

Zane Beaty
Brian Cruz
Cael Davis Lee
Lila Duke
Diego Duran
Karla Flores

Brett Frye
Rosymar Garcia
Bella Helmick
Guadalupe Hernandez
Keneddy Kaiser
Luz Lopez

Valeria Martinez
Mia Oliver
Angel Rangel
Karen Tena

VIOLA

Vivian Carpenter
Lynden Daniels
Malachi Manella

Nolan McIlroy
Anthony Mendez
Julianna Moses

Ben Nors
Jared Sexton
Savannah Tucker

CELLO

Erica Fraire
Aiden Gantt
Cole Kramer

John Lazaro
MaLéna Ramirez
Victoria Schockey

Brennan Walker
Madalyne Williamson

BASS

Jack Hatcher
Erik Messer

Cole Reed
Joseph Wilkinson

ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL

High School Honors Orchestra

VIOLIN

Alonzo Ayerdis
Evan Connelly
Paul Estes
Brianna Ferrusca
William George
Belen Hernandez

Kelsie Johnson
Joy Kim
Sadie Klement
Kyla Moore
Thomas Powell
Chase Ramirez

Jayden Ramirez
Esmeralda Ramirez
Orry Smith
Julie Staggs
Lylia Tang
Brianna Wilkinson

VIOLA

Alena Ayerdis
Maria Chepekwe
Maya Flores

Adam Griffin
Joseph Hassler
Samuel Nors

Raina Smith
Bethany Webb

CELLO

Alfredo Ayerdis
Cesar Delgado
Riley Hoyer
Cooper Kirkpatrick

Benjamin Lowery
Samuel Nelson
Michaela Ostrander
Isabella Renovato

Eric Reyes
Nichole Wynne

BASS

Lily Burdett

Nathan Chase

Lindsay Macke

OUR SINCEREST THANK YOU

Thank you to all our Administrators in FWISD for their support!

Christina Walk, Executive Director of Visual
and Performing Arts, FWISD
Dick Clardy, Director of Instrumental Music
Diane Harper, Orchestra Instrumental
Specialist FWISD

Richard Penland, Principal
Phillip Adams, Assistant Principal
Michelle Grubbs, Assistant Principal
Glorianne Mason, Assistant Principal
Michelle Schwalls, Assistant Principal

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Elisha Lane
Fan Wu

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Monica Barrera-Rangel
Karla & Scott Macke
Kristin & Jon Nelson

Thank you to all the Families who have joined the BMHS Orchestra Booster Club and Sponsorship Levels this year! Your support means the world to our students!

2021 FUNDRAISER

Thank you to the Parents, Family Members and Supporters who have donated a significant amount towards our Snap-Raise Fundraiser for our much needed Sound System for the Orchestra Room. We appreciate all those who have participated in our Fundraiser. Please continue to help us raise funds!

The Snap-Raise fundraiser has been extended to June 10th. This is a great time to consider helping your student with a donation!

**Website: HWHO.org
Enter code 813 968 791**

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT

The Barbara Helmick Legacy Scholarship Fund was established Spring 2019 to assist orchestra students to improve their mastery of music and to provide them with the tools and funds for their musical education within BMHS Orchestra.

BMHS ORCHESTRA BOOSTER CLUB

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Karla Macke - Secretary

Brandi Estes - Parliamentarian
DeAnna Gonzales* - Program Design;
Communication & Marketing
Kaci Skipper - Volunteer Coordinator
Deborah O'Brien - Director & Teacher
Representative

For more information, please contact Christel Chase at bmhsorch@gmail.com.

ORCHESTRA NEWS

INSTRUMENTS

All instruments at home and at school should be turned in by now for our physical inventory. You will only be allowed to check out an instrument over the summer if you are 100% sure you are going to be at Benbrook Middle-High School next year. If there is any doubt, then the instrument should stay at school.

Please see the Instrument Check-Out Form that is attached and turn in to check out your instrument for the summer.

FEES

The Orchestra Instrument Maintenance Fee for this past year was \$80.00. There are still many students who have not paid this year. Please send asap. Make checks out to BMHS and include 2 phone numbers on the check. Thank you for taking care of this.

PRIVATE LESSONS & ORCHESTRA CAMPS

Consider taking Private Lessons from our Teachers over the summer, please contact Debbie O'Brien at deborah.obrien@fwisd.org

Also, if you are interested in sending your student to Orchestra camp, here are some Universities that are open this summer:

UTA - <https://www.summerstrings.org/>

Baylor - <https://www.baylor.edu/busmc/>

Texas Tech - <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/music/ttuboc/>

NAME:

Fort Worth Independent School District
Instrumental Music Programs *Summer 2021*

AGREEMENT FOR USE OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

The parent and the student request that the student be allowed to use, and the School District agrees to allow the use of, the following described instrument for a maintenance fee of \$40 per semester for secondary students.

Instrument *Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass* ~~Make~~ ~~Model~~ ~~Serial Number~~

Together with the following accessories:

~~Bow~~ ~~Bag~~ ~~Case~~ ~~Shoulder Rest~~ Mouthpiece

Additional accessories: _____

Condition of instrument: _____

In consideration of the use of the instrument, said parent and student agree that:

1. The student/parent(s) agree to pay the annual instrument maintenance fee
2. The student will practice diligently according to the instructions of the music teacher
3. The student will play in public functions when requested to do so by the music teacher
4. The parent(s) and the student will be personally responsible for any damage to, or the loss of, this instrument while in the student's care. If the instrument is lost or damaged beyond repair the parent(s) and/or student will pay the School District the cost of replacing it with one of the same make or of equal quality
5. The parent(s) and the student will return this instrument upon request of the music teacher, in as good condition as received, ordinary wear and depreciation excepted

Under no condition should parent(s)/student attempt to make repairs on instrument

It is further understood that said pupil is to replace such items as strings and reeds for loaned instrument as needed.

This agreement ends August 14, 2021, and the instrument must be returned by this date.

Benbrook MHS 071 X
Campus/School Name Parent/Guardian Signature & Date

X X
Student Name/ID# Address

X _____
Student Signature & Date Drivers License Number/State

X _____
Name/Address/Phone Number of Nearest Relative NOT living with you

Date Paid - Fall Semester	Date Paid-Spring Semester	Waiver Approved - Full or Partial
Date Returned	Band/Orchestra Director Signature & Date	
Notes:		



THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THE BMHS ORCHESTRA!