

# 2024 Elementary All County Honors Concert

Dear Elementary Music Colleagues,

The Pinellas County Music Educators Association presents the Elementary All-County Honors Concert each year. This special concert provides a wonderful opportunity for your outstanding choral and instrumental students to gain experience and perform under the direction of guest clinicians. This year's concert will feature the All-County Chorus, Orff, and World Drumming Ensembles. *Please note that strings will perform on a separate concert with our secondary students and colleagues on January 20, 2024*

Heather Cusmano, Choral Director at Northside Christian School will conduct the All-County Honors Chorus. Rosemary Pilonero, Music Specialist at The Villages Elementary of Lady Lake in Lake County, will conduct the Orff Ensemble, and Emmanuel Fergile, Elementary Music Specialist at Highland Elementary in Palm Beach County, will conduct the World Drumming Ensemble.

Dates and Locations:

- The Concert will be performed Saturday, February 24, 2024, 12:30 PM at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg.
  - The On-Site Rehearsal will be held in the morning before the concert.
  - The first rehearsal will be a sectional held on the following dates: Thursday, January 25, 2024 at Forest Lakes Elementary for our North County Schools & Thursday, February 1, 2024 at Sexton Elementary for our South County Schools.
  - The second and third rehearsals will be for all students and will be held Thursday, February 22, and Friday February 23 from 6:00- 8:00 PM at Highpoint Elementary School.
  - **ALL MUSIC MUST BE MEMORIZED BY THE FIRST REHEARSAL.**
- Please review the responsibilities of the Music Specialist. It is important that we strive to create a quality musical experience for the students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us.

Sincerely,  
Kate Bates, Blair Duffy  
Elementary All-County Coordinators

## **Music Specialist's Responsibilities**

- Attend all rehearsals with students. (*If you are unable to attend, a representative from your faculty must be in attendance.*)
- Be responsible for your students' behavior throughout all rehearsals.
- Make digital copies accessible for your students to rehearse.
- Communicate with parents regarding drop-off and pick-up times for rehearsals and the concert.
- Perform your assigned job during rehearsals and the concert.
- Return all forms by the deadlines in order to allow adequate preparation time for each phase.
- Attend Teacher Read-Through on Thursday, November 9, 2023.

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## Dates and Locations

Rehearsal venues:

**North County, January 25, 2024**  
**Forest Lakes Elementary School**  
301 Pine Avenue N  
Oldsmar, FL 34677

**South County, February 1, 2024**  
**Sexton Elementary School**  
1997 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue N  
St. Petersburg, FL 33714

### **Combined Rehearsals, February 22 & 23**

#### **High Point Elementary**

5921 150th Ave N,  
Clearwater, FL 33760

Concert venue:

**Mahaffey Theater**  
400 1<sup>st</sup> Street S.  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

### **Student Call Times: February 24, 2024**

- 8:15 AM Orff
- 8:30 AM Drums
- 9:00 AM Chorus

#### **Proper Concert Attire**

- White dress shirt or blouse (no t-shirts)
- Black pants/skirts (no shorts)
- Dark sock/stockings and flat shoes

Students should wear comfortable clothing to all rehearsals. Concert attire is required only for the **Final Performance, Saturday, February 24, 2024**. Students will wear their concert attire to the theater as there will not adequate time and facilities to change.

# 2024 ELEMENTARY ALL COUNTY HONORS CONCERT

## Chorus

### Music Specialist Responsibilities:

- Attend all rehearsals with students.
- Be responsible for your students' behavior throughout all rehearsals.
- Make sure students know their parts prior to the first rehearsal.
- Communicate with parents regarding drop-off/pick-up times for rehearsals and concert.
- Attend the preparation workshop on November 9 at Forest Lakes Elementary.

### Student Audition Criteria:

- Enjoy singing and have a team attitude.
- Be reliable and punctual.
- Sing with good tone.
- Demonstrate ability to maintain pitch.
- Demonstrate ability to sing echoes and rounds.
- Perform the following:

This is a suggested audition.

Students participating in the Elementary All County Honors Chorus should be able to meet the following criteria by singing each section with proper singing tone, correct pitch and correct phrasing.

### ECHOES

Play each melody on the piano. Have the students echo the melodic patterns on the syllable "loo."

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Example 1                      Example 2                      Example 3

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef. It is divided into three sections by double bar lines. Example 1: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Example 2: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Example 3: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.

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## ROUND

Sing “*Are You Sleeping?*” as an *acapella* round. The student should begin the song and the teacher should enter on measure 3. Please give the student the starting pitch.

## AMERICA

The student will sing “America” as an *acapella* solo. Please give the student the starting pitch.

The musical score for 'America' is presented in four staves. The first two staves are in common time (C) and the last two are in 2/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Are you slee- ping? Are you slee- ping? Bro - ther John, Bro - ther John; Mor- ning bells are ring- ing, Mor- ning bells are ring- ing, Ding, ding, dong; Ding, ding, dong. My coun- try 'tis of thee, Sweet land of li - ber- ty. Of thee I sing. Land where my fa- thers died; land of the Pil- grim's pride From ev - 'ry\_\_ moun- tain- side Let- free- dom ring.'

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### World Drumming Ensemble Music Specialist Responsibilities:

- Attend all rehearsals with students.
- Be responsible for your students’ behavior throughout all rehearsals.
- Make sure students know their parts prior to the first rehearsal.
- Communicate with parents regarding drop-off/pick-up times for rehearsals and concert.
- Attend the preparation workshop on

### Student Audition Criteria:

- Enjoy playing in ensemble and have a team attitude.
- Be reliable and punctual.
- Play accurately in 3/4 and 4/4 time.
- Play with varying dynamic levels and accents.
- Play accurate ritardando and a tempo.
- Perform ABA and AB forms.
- Perform the following:

This is a suggested audition piece.

Quarter note = 138

Percussion  $\text{H}$   $\frac{4}{4}$

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## Orff Ensemble

### Music Specialist Responsibilities:

- Attend all rehearsals with students.
- Be responsible for your students' behavior throughout all rehearsals.
- Make sure students know their parts prior to the first rehearsal.
- Communicate with parents regarding drop-off/pick-up times for rehearsals and concert.
- Attend the preparation workshop on Tuesday, November 16.

### Student Audition Criteria:

- Enjoy playing in ensemble and have a team attitude.
- Be reliable and punctual.
- Play accurately in 3/4 and 4/4 time.
- Play with varying dynamic levels and accents.
- Play accurate ritardando and a tempo.
- Perform ABA and AB forms.
- Perform the following:

This is a suggested audition piece.

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Soprano Xylophone **Tempo = 140**

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The next pages are  
ensemble-specific and  
should be sent home with  
your students.

Pages 8-10 All Students

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100% Student Success

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"Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life."

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**Start Here**

Dear Parents of \_\_\_\_\_,

Congratulations! Your child has been selected to participate in the 2024 Elementary All-County Honors Concert sponsored by Pinellas County Schools and Pinellas County Music Educators Association.

Attendance for rehearsals and final performances is a requirement for every All-County Honors participant. Music teachers will have rehearsals at their individual schools as well as have rehearsals with all students within a particular Honors Ensemble.

While at rehearsals and performances, ensemble participants are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior. Please refer to the succeeding pages for information regarding specific:

1. Rehearsal times and locations
2. Performance times and locations
3. Commitment/behavior expectations
4. Rehearsal and Concert Etiquette
5. Proper dress for performance
6. Parent consent form If you feel you and/or your child cannot fulfill this commitment, please notify your

child's music teacher as soon as possible. Timely notification will allow another child the opportunity to participate in this wonderful ensemble. We are looking forward to a very musical, exciting, and educational experience for your child. You have a right to be proud!

Sincerely,  
Pinellas County Music Educators Association

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child will be happy to be involved in this year's Elementary All County Chorus

\_\_\_\_\_ No, my child will not be able to participate this year.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



All County Concerts are produced through a partnership between:



### Pinellas All-County Participant Agreement

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity: (Completion optional) Black \_\_\_ White \_\_\_  
Asian \_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

If chosen for the All County Ensemble, I agree to the following:

- I will attend ALL rehearsals and the concert.
- I understand if I am excessively late or absent I may be dismissed from the ensemble.
- I will arrange transportation to all events.
- I will practice my part before the rehearsals so that rehearsals can be highly productive.
- I will act appropriately following all school rules while participating in all All-County events.

#### ***Release for Media***

The signatures below grant permission to reproduce, print, or publish photographs or audio/video recordings of my minor student if selected to an All-County performing ensemble. This permission includes all rehearsals, activities, and performances connected with the All-County ensembles. I also acknowledge my child's name will be published in the All-County Concert program and will appear in lists of All-County students on a website available to PCMEA members.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Email

#### ***Music Teacher Section***

I am recommending that the above student participate in or audition for the All-County Ensemble. I am confirming that the student is enrolled and participates regularly in the school based ensemble. I have confirmed that the student is well prepared for the audition/rehearsals. I agree to attend **ALL** clinician-run rehearsals to supervise students from my school. If I cannot attend, I will send a representative (faculty, staff, or administration - **not parents**) from my school to monitor rehearsals. If there is no school representative, I understand that my student will not be able to attend rehearsals and may be dismissed from the group. I will attend both audition and sectional rehearsals prepared to work. If I do not attend both, I understand my students will not be allowed to participate in the All-County Ensembles.

Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***This form must be turned in to your music teacher by the specified due date to participate.***

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# *Performer Etiquette*

In order for your child to have a truly meaningful musical experience with the **Elementary All County Honors Concert**, we remind you of the following:

1. *Please attend all rehearsals on time.*
2. *Performers should wear comfortable shoes since they will be standing for part of the rehearsal time.*
3. *Food, drinks, candy nor gum is permitted at the rehearsals or concert.*
4. *Since rehearsal time is so valuable, please refrain from conversing in the rehearsal/concert hall.*
5. *Please turn off all electronic devices before entering the rehearsal/concert hall.*

# **2024 ELEMENTARY ALL COUNTY HONORS CONCERT**

## **Chorus**

Congratulations! Your child has been selected for the All-County Honors Chorus.

Attendance for all rehearsals and the final performance is a requirement for every All-County participant. The Honors Chorus is an auditioned group and your child's music teacher will have rehearsals at their own school. All students will also have two mass rehearsals and a dress rehearsal as an ensemble. These are listed below. While at the rehearsals and performance, each member is expected to exhibit appropriate behavior.

This year's choral conductor is Mrs. Heather Cusmano, Choral Director at Northside Christian School in St. Petersburg, FL.

### **Chorus Rehearsal Dates and Times:**

(North County Only) Thursday, January 25, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 PM Forest Lakes Elementary

(South County Only) Thursday, February 1, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 PM Sexton Elementary

(Combined) Thursday & Friday, February 22-23, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 PM High Point Elementary

### **On-Site Rehearsal:**

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 9:00 AM, Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg

### **Final Performance:**

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 12:30 PM, Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg

# **2024 ELEMENTARY ALL COUNTY HONORS CONCERT**

## **Orff Ensemble**

Congratulations! Your child has been selected for the All-County Honors Orff Ensemble.

Attendance for all rehearsals and the final performance is a requirement for every All-County participant. The Honors Orff Ensemble is an auditioned group and your child's music teacher will have rehearsals at their own school. All students will also have three rehearsals and a dress rehearsal as an ensemble. These are listed below. While at the rehearsals and performance, each member is expected to exhibit appropriate behavior.

This year's Orff conductor is Mrs. Rosemary Pilonero, Music Specialist at The Villages Elementary of Lady Lade in Lake County, FL.

### **Orff Rehearsal Dates and Times:**

(North County Only) Thursday, January 25, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 PM Forest Lakes Elementary

(South County Only) Thursday, February 1, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 PM Sexton Elementary

(Combined) Thursday & Friday, February 22-23, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 PM High Point Elementary

### **On-Site Rehearsal:**

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 8:15 AM, Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg

### **Final Performance:**

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 12:30 PM, Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg

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## **World Drumming Ensemble**

Congratulations! Your child has been selected for the All-County Honors World Drumming Ensemble.

Attendance for all rehearsals and the final performance is a requirement for every All-County participant. The Honors World Drumming Ensemble is an auditioned group and your child's music teacher will have rehearsals at their own school. All students will also have three rehearsals and a dress rehearsal as an ensemble. These are listed below. While at the rehearsals and performance, each member is expected to exhibit appropriate behavior.

This year's World Drumming Conductor is Mr. Emmanuel Fergile, Elementary Music Specialist and Drummer from Palm Beach County.

### **World Drumming Rehearsal Dates and Times:**

(North County Only) Thursday, January 25, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 PM Forest Lakes Elementary

(South County Only) Thursday, February 1, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 PM Sexton Elementary

(Combined) Thursday & Friday, February 22-23, 2024, 6:00 – 8:00 PM High Point Elementary

### **On-Site Rehearsal:**

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 8:30 AM, Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg

### **Final Performance:**

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 12:30 PM, Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg