

The Chattanooga Guitar Orchestra

Audition Application Form

What is a Guitar Orchestra? A guitar orchestra is large ensemble of at least 12 but not more than 50 guitarists who rehearse and perform 4 and 5-part ensemble arrangements that feature multiple performers on each part. Performing with a guitar orchestra can provide guitarists, who traditionally practice and perform solo, with a fun opportunity to rehearse and perform with other musicians and to hone their sight-reading and ensemble performance skills. Successful guitar orchestras have been formed around the country in places like Boston, MA and Washington, DC.

Date/Time/Location: Open auditions for The Chattanooga Guitar Orchestra will be held on Tuesday August 9th from 1pm until 5pm in McDonald Hall at The McCallie School on Dodds Ave. The audition will be brief, and should not last more than 10 minutes.

Requirements: Those auditioning should prepare one solo piece on a nylon-string classical guitar. Pieces from The Royal Conservatory Series, The Suzuki Guitar Method Books or other comparable repertoire are recommended. In addition, applicants will be asked to perform six sight-reading excerpts of varying degrees of difficulty.

Age requirement: Applicants should be at least 7 years of age.

Why auditions? Auditions are necessary to determine whether a guitarist has the appropriate technical, musical and reading skills to perform with the orchestra. Also, each section of the orchestra will have two "section leaders." The 10 guitarists who audition the most successfully will be offered these positions.

Judging criterion: Students will be judged based on four categories: technique, tone, musicianship and reading ability.

What happens if I'm accepted? If a guitarist is accepted into the orchestra, he/she will be expected to attend bi-weekly rehearsals at The McCallie School from September to January and to perform in an end-of-semester concert.

Fees: Guitarists who choose to perform and rehearse with the orchestra will pay a \$25 fee due at the first scheduled rehearsal. This fee will cover the cost of renting the rehearsal and performance spaces and the production of a Chattanooga Guitar Orchestra t-shirt that will be given to all members.

Application

Name of applicant_____

Name of parent or guardian_____

Email_____ Phone_____

Private Instructor_____

Title and Composer of solo piece_____