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Greetings Orchestral Musicians! Here we are again! Hope you had a wonderful summer, and I hope that you, like me, are anxious to get started on a great new academic year and PLUO season! We have wonderful things in store, culminating in the Japan tour in the spring. See some of the highlights below. Web Page links: school start up information, audition schedule, and audition preference form.

This letter accompanies information about the audition schedule from the Music Office. Please note the time of the auditions for your instrument and sign up in the Mary Baker Russell Music Center for a slot during that time when you get to campus. String Players: Your auditions will be on Saturday this year. We will have sign-up sheets up on the Tuesday before those auditions, September 2. Just for clarity: Auditions are required for all student members of all ensembles each year. Please note: you must be a member of the USO to take part in the KammerMusikere program.

A few details about the upcoming season –

- October — Beethoven 3 (“Eroica”) and two world premieres, both in tribute to the late William Doppmann.
- November — Premiere of a new work by Oregon composer Robert Kyr and Brahms.
- Christmas Concerts will return to Benaroya Hall and Schnitzer Hall as well as our home concerts.
- March — Student Soloists and a student composer will be featured.
- April — KammerMusikere: Tour repertoire for Japan
- May —
- Visit http://www.plu.edu/symphony/ for more information. Also, look for Pacific Lutheran University Orchestras on Facebook.

Be prepared on your audition day with a short (2-3 minute) excerpt from music of your choice. A passage or two from the ensemble literature for you to sight-read will be provided.

Please take note of these dates and times:

- Auditions on September 5, 6 & 7 (See note below.)
- The opening Convocation Rehearsal at 8 pm on Sunday 7 September in Olson Auditorium (We will play for Opening Convocation on the morning of the 8th.)
- The first rehearsal of our regular schedule will be held at 7:15 pm on Monday 8 September in Lagerquist Concert Hall. (Thursday the 11th will be Music Orientation night.)
- Eighteenth Annual PLU Orchestra Invitational on Saturday 13 October. We perform at 3 pm. David Waltham is our guest clinician.

Percussionists, please note: All percussionists receiving a music scholarship must audition on Friday at 5 PM, regardless of their ensemble preference. The Friday audition is required in order to audition for the jazz ensembles later. The Friday audition is also highly recommended for non-scholarship percussionists.

Please fill out the enclosed audition form and bring it with you to your audition. (Strings need only use this form to note schedule conflicts on the back.) Make sure you sign up for an audition time when you arrive on campus – tackboard between backstage Lagerquist and the orchestra rehearsal room. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

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