

## 2021-22 NEPP Mentoring Program guidelines

The Mentoring Program pairs NEPA music students with our professional musicians for a unique learning experience. Over the course of the orchestra season (October – May), the students receive **14 private lessons, 14 chamber music coachings, masterclasses** and the opportunity to **rehearse and perform in a side-by-side concert with the full orchestra** (TBD).

*N.B. Pianists are not involved in the side-by-side orchestra concert but will be invited to perform at other Philharmonic related events.*

Additionally, the students will be involved in a chamber music group (i.e. duo, trio or quartet) with other students of their level. They will receive **chamber music coachings** from NEPP musicians in preparation for a **chamber music recital**. Students enrolled in the mentoring program also receive **two complimentary tickets** to all NEPA Philharmonic performances.

### Eligibility

The Mentoring Program is open to **NEPA students in grades 8-12** for the following instruments:

- **Piano**
- **Strings**
- **Woodwinds**
- **Brass**
- **PLEASE NOTE:** *We cannot accept saxophone or percussion students.*

### Program format

The 2021-22 NEPP Mentoring Program will operate on a **hybrid schedule**, providing **in-person and online lessons and chamber music coachings**. In-person lessons and coachings might occur in local churches, schools or concert venues.

### Tuition

**The tuition for the 2021-22 season is \$1200** (payable in three \$400 installments)

*Scholarships are available solely based on financial needs. See “Apply for financial aid” in the online application.*

The tuition includes:

- 14 private lessons with NEPP musicians
- 14 chamber music coachings with NEPP musicians
- Sectionals with Mélisse Brunet & NEPP musicians (except pianists)
- Masterclasses with guest soloists & members of the NEPP
- 2 free concert tickets to all NEPA Philharmonic performances for the season
- Side-by-side performances with the NEPA Philharmonic (except for pianists)
- Leadership opportunities (ex. students leading concerts in retirement homes)
- Student chamber music recital

### **Video auditions**

**Acceptance into the Mentoring Program is decided by video audition.** Applicants will prepare and submit video recordings of two pieces of contrasting style, one of which can be an étude. See “*Video submission information*” below.

**A panel of NEPP musicians will judge video submissions and select only the most highly qualified candidates.** All candidates will be provided with a written critique of their video submissions.

### **Application process**

Click the “Apply for the Mentoring Program” button below to complete your application and submit your audition videos. **The application fee is \$25 and is payable by credit card.**

For any questions regarding the NEPP Mentoring Program contact us at: [\*\*nepamentoring@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:nepamentoring@gmail.com)

## **Video submission information**

**Instruments:** Piano, Strings, Woodwinds and Brass (no saxophone, no percussion)

**Audition:** Video submission only

**Divisions:** Currently in 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grades as of September 2021

**Area:** Students from within the NEPA region.

**Repertoire:** Two pieces of contrasting style.  
One of the selections can be an étude.

**Application Fee:** \$25.00 (non-refundable) payable to the NEPA Philharmonic

**Payment:** Credit card. Follow the instructions in the online application form.

All completed applications with the application fee must be received **on Friday June 18** in order to be considered.

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**GUIDELINES FOR VIDEO SUBMISSIONS**  
**\*\*\*READ CAREFULLY\*\*\***

**Video quality:** Make sure you are recording video at a high quality (1080p HD or higher)

- o To adjust **iPhone** video quality: Go to Settings > Camera > Record Video. 4K at 30 fps is ideal (1080p at 30 fps or higher will work)
- o To adjust **Android** video quality: Go to Camera > Settings > Resolution. Use 3840 x 2160 or 1920 x 1080

**Phone/camera positioning**

- o Position your phone/camera on a stable surface.
- o Position your phone **horizontally** to record in **landscape orientation**.

**Lighting**

o **Do not stand in front of a window.** Make sure that the strongest light source in the room is not behind you to avoid your face appearing in shadow.

o Make sure that there is adequate light in the room in which you are recording.  
In addition to natural light, overhead lights and/or light stands can ensure the best visual quality.

o Make sure that your hands and face are clearly in the shot.

o Stand at least six feet from the phone/camera for better audio quality.

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***  
**SHARING YOUR VIDEOS**

**Deadline: Sunday, June 20, 2021**

- 1) Create a google drive folder and **label** the folder with your name
- 2) Add both videos to the folder and **label** each video with the title of the selection
- 3) Add your application form to the google drive folder (if they have to use a pdf form...)
- 4) Email the link to your google drive folder to [nepamentoring@gmail.com](mailto:nepamentoring@gmail.com)
- 5) **IMPORTANT: Make your google drive link shareable with "anyone with the link".**

**Judging**

Musicians from the NEPP will provide a written critique of each applicant's audition at the bottom of the application form.