



Symphony in Schools

Professional Development Opportunity for Elementary Teachers to Earn Music Credits!

Each summer, local music teachers gather at the Western Piedmont Symphony's office to help create a lesson plan and educational packet to accompany our "Symphony in Schools" concert program. The packet is then sent electronically to music teachers in every county we perform in, for their own classroom use leading up to the symphony concert! Participating teachers receive two Renewal Credits through Lenoir-Rhyne University and tickets to a symphony concert of their choice!

If you are interested in helping create this year's lesson plan, please contact Chris Coffey, Education Coordinator, at Engagement@WPSymphony.org

More info about the program can be found at

www.wpsymphony.org/in-school-education-program

Date: Week of July 22-26

Time: Approximately 20 Hours (Exact Times TBD)

Location: Western Piedmont Symphony Office
243 Third Ave, NE
Hickory NC 28601

Materials: Participants will be researching school-based curriculum resources so a laptop with internet access is required. All other work materials will be provided.

Facilitator: Cathy Lail

Purpose

To align the Western Piedmont Symphony's "Symphony in Schools" concert selections with the N.C. Music Curriculum for Grades 4-5 by creating Lesson Plans to teach the music prior to the concerts.

Benefits

- Two (2) Renewal Credits through Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Two (2) tickets to either a Masterworks or Chamber Classics series concert
- Individual Recognition in the Curriculum Guide for Symphony in Schools
- Teaching tool for educating students prior to school concert

Cathy Lail, Facilitator

A twenty-eight year veteran teacher, Cathy Lail has taught in both Catawba County Schools and Hickory Public Schools respectively. For the past 18 years, Cathy has taught English and science in grades 7 and 8 at Northview Middle School. A graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne University, Cathy received a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle grades education with concentrations in English, Spanish, and science. As part of her teaching responsibilities, Cathy has chaired committees on curriculum pacing and planning, and has a thorough knowledge and understanding of competency-based curriculum. In addition she has served on the school Leadership Team, as a mentor teacher, play director, and crosscountry coach. Currently she serves as a highly engaged board member of the Western Piedmont Symphony and as co-chair of the Education Committee, which oversees the Western Piedmont Youth Symphony and program book development for the in-school outreach concerts. Cathy has been a member of the vocal and handbell choirs at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. She is married to David Lail, music teacher at Jenkins and Oakwood Elementary Schools, and also organist at Holy Trinity. Cathy and David are the proud parents of Daniel and Patrick, both of whom are excellent musicians.