



## The Lantern Festival Orchestra Returns in 2025!

### OVERVIEW:

Presented by Pacific Symphony, the Lantern Festival Orchestra will bring together student and adult string players from the Southern California region to perform under the direction of Pacific Symphony Assistant Conductor, Dr. Jacob Sustaita, on the stage of the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall for the 2025 O.C. Lantern Festival.

Professional musicians from Pacific Symphony will join the orchestra for the dress rehearsal and performance and will also provide sectional coaching for ensemble members. The ensemble will perform a mix of western and eastern repertoire for string orchestra.



The Lantern Festival Orchestra will rehearse on select weekday evenings from the weeks of January 21 – February 20 at the South Coast Chinese Cultural Center. The Festival Orchestra will present a 20-minute performance at the 2025 O.C. Lantern Festival.

### ABOUT LANTERN FESTIVAL:

Pacific Symphony and South Coast Chinese Cultural Center join in presenting this free family-friendly festival to commemorate the end of the Lunar New Year celebration with music, dance, art making, riddles and food. The concert hall lobby becomes transformed for the festivities with floating lanterns and the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall



is opened up to the public for performances featuring local music and dance groups. The event draws thousands of people from Orange County and beyond for this festive celebration of arts and culture.

### **ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION:**

The Festival Orchestra is geared toward high school and college age students and intermediate/advanced avocational (non-professional) adult musicians. Participants will be selected based upon their musicianship and the composition of the ensemble.



### **Applicant criteria includes:**

- Applicants must play a string instrument (violin, viola, cello or bass)
- Applicants must be at least 14 years of age
- Applicants should be able to play the attached [repertoire sample](#)
- Applicants must submit an application and a recording by the deadline to be considered
- Applicants must be students or avocational (non-professional) musicians; union musicians are not eligible to apply
- The Lantern Festival Orchestra application is open to any non-professional musician who meets the above criteria, regardless of race or ethnicity

### **APPLICATION:**

1. **Complete the [online application](#)** or the PDF version available on the Pacific Symphony website at [www.pacificsymphony.org](http://www.pacificsymphony.org).
2. **Submit a self-made recording of yourself playing the [provided excerpt](#).**



### **PARTICIPANT FEES:**

In order to help cover the costs of coaching, music, and facilities, participants will be asked to contribute a one-time \$130 participant fee. **Pacific Symphony provides financial aid and payment plans for those who are unable to pay the full participant fee.**

Fees must be paid by January 7 unless other arrangements are made.

**PROGRAM DATES:**

Accepted participants must be able to commit to the entirety of the program, except in the case of emergencies or pre-arranged absences (including for community or school ensemble rehearsals).

**PROGRAM CALENDAR:**

November 4, 2024	Application deadline
December 2, 2024	Notification of application status sent
January 7, 2025	Fee deadline
Tuesday, January 21, 2025	Rehearsal 1, 6:30 – 8:30pm
Monday, January 27, 2025*	Rehearsal 2, 6:30 – 8:30pm
Monday, February 3, 2025	Rehearsal 3, 6:30 – 8:30pm
Tuesday, February 11, 2025	Rehearsal 4, 6:30 – 8:30pm
Tuesday, February 18, 2025	Rehearsal 5, 6:30 – 8:30pm
Thursday, February 20, 2025*	Dress Rehearsal, 7:30 – 9:30pm
Saturday, February 22, 2025*	PERFORMANCE: O.C. Lantern Festival (Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall), 2:20pm**

*\*Rehearsals or performance with Pacific Symphony musicians*

*\*\*Performance time subject to change between 11:00am and 4:00pm*

Rehearsals are held at the South Coast Chinese Cultural Center:

9 Truman Street  
Irvine, CA 92620