

Congratulations on Your Acceptance to the Middle School Honors Performance Series at Royal Festival Hall!

Program Planning

We know you have many questions and would like to begin planning for your amazing Royal Festival Hall experience. To that end, we've devoted an entire section of our website to helping accepted Junior Finalists and their families as they prepare. Please bookmark the below page and check it regularly!

Junior Finalist Update Page: www.honorsperformance.org/london-updates
Case-Sensitive Password: London20

Update Page Contents

Program Planning:

- Guidelines for booking international travel
- Series hotel and rooming options
- West End show descriptions
- Chaperone information
- Dress code and performance attire guidelines
- Family Program information
- Travel insurance information (optional)

Music:

- Royal Festival Hall ticket information
- Instrument travel & rental resources
- Conductor biographies
- Sheet music & rehearsal notes (when available)

Payments and Fundraising:

- Payment plan and cancellation schedules
- Online account access
- Fundraising tools and tips
- Media and press coverage resources
- Series Scholarships (separate application required)

Resources:

- Tentative itinerary
- Academic Credit options
- Unaccompanied Minor travel information

Messages: Summary of all update emails (see below)

FAQs: Anything else you may need to know!

Series Updates

Nearly all program updates will come in the form of email communication. It is critical for you to add honors@honorsperformance.org to your list of "approved senders" with your email client to avoid missing important updates from the Series. This is particularly important if you did not receive an email from us regarding your acceptance. If you change your email address, please be sure to let us know.

We will send an email update to all Junior Finalists any time we have new information to share. It's extremely important that you receive and carefully review each of our updates so you are fully prepared for your performance in London. Any time we send an email update, we will additionally post a copy of the email on the **Messages** section of the Junior Finalist Update page. *The Series cannot be responsible for missed email communications or updates, and it is the responsibility of the Junior Finalist to respond to requests for information leading up to your Series experience on or before the communicated deadlines.*

Confirmation Needed

So we may continue to make plans for this amazing Royal Festival Hall experience, there is some additional information that we will need from you. Your place in the program is guaranteed pending receipt of this form; if you indicate you are unable to attend, we will offer your place to a First-Runner up. **Please visit this web page to complete the Confirmation Form as soon as possible and no later than March 27:** www.honorsperformance.org/london-confirm/

Scholarships and Fundraising

Be sure to check out the "Payments and Fundraising" tab of the Junior Finalist Update Page to access numerous funding tools and tips. Past Junior Finalists have cited the following resources as two of their most-used:

- **Series Scholarships:** Partial scholarships are available to assist Junior Finalists with demonstrated financial need. Contact our team at +1-800-503-0807 to receive a scholarship quote and to have the scholarship application emailed to you.
- **Gift of Performance E-Cards:** Quickly and easily solicit online donations from friends and family. Donations go directly to your Series account! Learn more on the Junior Finalist Update Page and at www.honorsperformance.org/e-card.

Friends and Family – Join in the Fun!

Family members, friends, and other supporters are welcome to participate with their student performers by electing one of the Honors Family Programs. These programs have been designed to enable supporters to stay in London with their Junior Finalist and attend select program events that are otherwise closed to non-performers (a rehearsal, London events, touring with Junior Finalists, Junior Finalist Celebration, etc.). Since most Honors Performance Series rehearsals are closed, there are other activities and free time included in the Family Programs to supplement your time.

Family Program Information

Visit www.honorsperformance.org/london-family to review complete inclusions, details, and to register.

The Family Program itineraries provide an opportunity to experience the best of the sights and culture in London. All itineraries are tentative and subject to change. Family Programs are offered only as full programs and cannot be sold as individual components.

Please note: Transportation to/from London and meals are not included in the program.

Each family member wishing to register for a Family Program (excluding the Junior Finalist) must register separately. *Junior Finalists should not register for the Family Program. They have been automatically registered for the Finalist program through the application and selection process.*

Royal Festival Hall Performance Tickets

One priority ticket to the Honors Performance is included with each Family Program registration. Seating is assigned and a special priority section is reserved for Family Program participants. Non-priority tickets can be purchased through the Royal Festival Hall Box Office in the spring. We are unable to accommodate requests for individually purchased tickets to be seated in the priority seating section.

Program Costs and Available Payment Plans

The program cost for each family member participating in the **5-Day Family Program** is \$1,825. The program cost for each family member participating in the **3-Day Family Program** is \$975. Participants have the option to satisfy the full expense at once or may follow an optional payment plan; see www.honorsperformance.org/london-family to review the payment plan and the cancellation deadlines and penalties.

Extend Your Stay and Enjoy Additional Sightseeing!

Looking for a way to prolong the fun of your family's Honors Performance Series experience? Our Sightseeing Extensions allow Junior Finalists and their loved ones to do just that! A licensed guide will be your host as you explore more of what London has to offer.

- August 1: Enjoy a full-day excursion into the countryside! Visit Stonehenge to decide for yourself how the enormous stones were arranged. Then explore the ancient Roman Baths and England's oldest holiday city, Bath.
- August 2: Dive deeper into the wonders of London! Enjoy a guided tour of Windsor Castle and visit St. George's Cathedral, two important locations for the Royal Family. See works of Michelangelo, Van Gogh, and Monet while exploring the National Gallery. And get a birds-eye view of the city from the London Eye ferris wheel.

The program cost for each Sightseeing Extension participant is \$825. Visit www.honorsperformance.org/london-sightseeing-extension for additional details, including payment and registration information. *Please note: Each family member wishing to register for the Sightseeing Extension must register separately (including the Junior Finalist, since this experience is in addition to the Junior Finalist Program in which they are already enrolled). Meals are not included in the Sightseeing Extension.*

Family Program and Sightseeing Extension registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations received after May 22, 2020, will be accepted as space is available.