



# ORCHESTRA

**Evelyn Champion, Director**

**You are invited to participate in.....**



**Mark Wood** is coming to Cambridge High School on December 1<sup>st</sup>! He will be in residence for two days working with middle school and high school orchestra students, and the event will culminate with a concert in the Cambridge High School auditorium. This is an exciting opportunity for our eighth graders, and it is not an annual event, so we are fortunate to be invited to participate.

Mark Wood is an electric violinist and the founder of Wood Violins, a company that makes unique electric violins. His music and strings education program has been featured on news programs nationwide. He is also an Emmy-winning composer and a former member of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. To read more, please visit these websites: <http://www.markwoodmusic.com/about/> and <http://www.electrifyyourstrings.com/>. Students will perform eclectic styles and get to improvise on this concert. There will be a raffle for an electric instrument and concessions available at the concert.

## Schedule

### Wednesday 11/30/2016

8:00-8:30 am - parents drop students off at Cambridge HS auditorium- *bring instruments*

9:00 am - 11:30am - Rehearsal with middle schoolers

11:30 am – Lunch provided

12:00 pm - Students board bus to return to Northwestern- leave cellos/basses at Cambridge

12:18 pm - Students back at NMS- report to 4<sup>th</sup> period (students will miss 1<sup>st</sup> period and connections)

### Thursday 12/1/2016

4:30-5:00 pm – parents drop off at Cambridge auditorium- *bring instruments*- dinner provided

5:00pm-6:15 pm - MS dress rehearsal starts

6:15pm-7:00pm - Change into Mark Wood t-shirt (provided) and tune

6:30pm - Doors open for audience

7:00pm - Concert starts- middle school performs first

The student fee for this event will be paid from the eighth grade Orchestra fundraising money and is valued at approximately \$30. This will include meals, bus transportation on November 30, and a t-shirt to be worn for the concert. *Thank you for contributing your fair share to our general fund through our Musicon fundraiser!*

The music that the students should prepare is attached. No class time will be used for the preparation of this music. Students who need help can come in before school on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 8am beginning *after* the All State audition is over on October 15.

The final concert will be a ticketed event. If you plan to watch the final performance you will need to purchase tickets through the Parents of Cambridge Orchestra (orchestra booster club): <http://www.cambridgeorchestra.ludustickets.com>. Students are expected to attend the entire concert, even if parents are not in the audience. Performers do not need a ticket.

As you can see from the schedule, transportation will only be provided for the return trip to school on November 30. Parents are responsible for transportation to Cambridge on the morning of November 30 and after school on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Student must be able to attend the entire schedule to participate in the event.

A permission slip is attached. Please return it as soon as possible. I need at least one parent to help at each rehearsal- if you're available, please let me know. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

*Evelyn Champion*

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# Cambridge High School

2845 Bethany Rd, Milton, GA 30004

Auditorium



MARK WOOD presents

# Electrify Your Strings!

## Permission Slip

Mark Wood

Cambridge High School

November 30 and December 1



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

T-SHIRT SIZE (adult sizes)

Circle one

S M L XL

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I give permission for my son or daughter to participate in the Mark Wood “Electrify Your Strings” rehearsals and performance on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> according to the published schedule. I will provide transportation to each rehearsal and after the concert. I give permission for my son or daughter to miss first period and connections on November 30 (an excused absence). I understand that the music must be prepared outside of class and that my son or daughter must attend both rehearsals in full to participate in the concert. I acknowledge my child’s picture may be taken at this event but will not be published with their name.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, my child is not available to participate in this event.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FORM IS DUE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016**