



ORCHESTRA

Evelyn Champion, Director



You are invited to participate in.....



Mark Wood is coming to Cambridge High School on November 8th and 9th! 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.

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 at 8:05 am beginning *after* the All State audition is over on October 13.

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.

A letter with permission slip is attached. Please return the attached permission form 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,

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Cambridge High School Auditorium

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Dear 8th Grade Orchestra Parents and Students,

My name is Elizabeth Benz, and I am the Director of Orchestras at Cambridge High School. We have established a yearly tradition of doing a combined concert with current 8th grade orchestra students at our two feeder middle schools, and this year we have an exciting event planned. We are bringing in Grammy award-winning violinist and composer Mark Wood to direct a high-energy rock orchestra workshop and concert called “Electrify Your Strings.” The students had an amazing experience with Electrify Your Strings in 2016 and we are excited to offer it again this fall!

Over the course of the experience students will have an opportunity to improvise, work with electric instruments, and learn a selection of both classical and rock tunes that have been given an “electrified” makeover specifically tailored to the needs of a young string orchestra. Mr. Wood and his team have presented this workshop to school string programs across the United States for the past 15 years.

The workshop and concert will take place at Cambridge High School on November 8th and November 9th, 2018. Our booster organization, the Parents of Cambridge Orchestras, has been working hard over the past few months to secure sponsorships and donations from local businesses to help defray the cost of this event.

- We are asking each student participating to contribute \$35.00. This fee goes directly towards helping produce the event, and includes the T-shirt they will wear for the concert and dinner on Friday night.
- Students will need transportation to Cambridge High School on Thursday, November 8th by 8:30am and on Friday, November 9th by 4:15pm. Transportation will be provided back to HMS/NMS on Thursday at 12:00pm.

Electrify Your Strings Cambridge Cluster Concert Schedule

Thursday, November 8th

7:30am-8:30am Students are dropped off at Cambridge High School by their parents/guardians

9:00am-12:00pm Students rehearse with Mark Wood.

12:15pm Students are bussed back to school and will eat lunch before returning to class

Friday, November 9th

4:15pm Students are dropped off at Cambridge High School by their parents/guardians
and eat dinner, provided by Parents of Cambridge Orchestras

5:00-6:00pm Students rehearse and sound check with Mark Wood

7:00pm-8:15 Concert. Middle school students will perform first, then sit in the audience to
watch the high school performance.

MARK WOOD presents

Electrify Your Strings!

Please return the following sheet to your director.

Name: _____ Instrument: _____

1) _____ Yes, I am planning on attending the 'Electrify Your Strings' workshop on Thursday, November 8th and Friday, November 9th.

_____ No, I am not planning on attending the workshop.

2) The meal on Friday night will be Chick-fil-A chicken sandwiches with assorted snacks and drinks. Please write any food allergies or dietary restrictions below:

3) Please circle your student's T-Shirt size: XS S M L XL

4) I give my student permission to attend the Electrify Your Strings workshop at Cambridge High School on November 8th and 9th, 2018. I acknowledge that I will need to provide transportation to CHS on Thursday morning, and transportation to and from CHS on Friday night.

Print parent/guardian name: _____

Signature: _____