



Dear Students, Families and Music Teachers:

Thank you for participating in the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra's "Side by Side Experience" for our Summer Concert 2023 with Concert Rock Violinist, Aaron Meyer! We are thrilled to have all of you join us. Below is all the info you will need to for a great musical experience!

Participation in the Rehearsals, Concert, and the String Clinic with Aaron Meyer (see below) are FREE!

Music: to download a copy of your part to "Kashmire-Hermitage" by Led Zeppelin (an arrangement by Aaron Meyer), please go to the BSO Website www.bemidjisympphony.org, sign up with the form (scroll down to the Registration box).

Once you sign up, you will automatically be directed to a page with information on how to download your music and letter with all event information.

It is the responsibility of all students to print their part before the first rehearsal. If you, your family or your music teacher do not have access to a printer, please contact BSO Personnel Manager, Gretchen Rusch gretchrusch@yahoo.com ASAP! Don't worry if you can't play every note or rhythm. Just do your best. BSO Musicians and Aaron Meyer will help you. The point is to come, have the experience, learn and have fun.

Recording: Here is a youtube video of Aaron Meyer and his band playing "Kashmire-hermitage"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bt9TDJgHPdM>

More info on Aaron Meyer, Concert Rock Violinist
<https://www.aaronmeyer.com/>

String Clinic with Aaron Meyer: In addition to performing with the BSO, 5th-12th grade string students will have an opportunity to attend a clinic led by Aaron Meyer on **Friday, July 28th from 1-3pm in Bemidji High School Auditorium!**

Students will work directly with Aaron to rehearse "Kashmire Hermitage", learn string techniques, and much more!

Full Schedule:

String Clinic with Aaron Meyer: Friday, July 28th 1-3pm Bemidji High School

Rehearsal with BSO Musicians and Aaron Meyer:

Friday, July 28th 7pm at Bemidji High School Auditorium

Please be at BHS no later than 6:30pm

Kashmire Hermitage will be rehearsed first. Students may leave after that.

Rehearsal with BSO Musicians and Aaron Meyer:

Saturday, July 29th, 10am at Bemidji High School Auditorium

Please be at BHS no later than 9:30am

Kashmire Hermitage will be rehearsed first. Students may leave after that.

Concert: Saturday, July 29th 7pm at Bemidji High School Auditorium

Please be at BHS no later than 6:30pm

Kashmire Hermitage will be performed right after intermission

Where students go when they come to the String Clinic, Rehearsals and Concert at BHS: please enter the BHS Commons Area Doors (the large set of doors on the right as you face the high school). After entering the doors, take a left and go down the hall. This is the auditorium is on the left and there will be doors along the hall. Try one to get in! All cases and personal items should be left backstage or with family during the concert.

On concert day: students may put their cases and things back stage before the concert if they wish, warm up a little backstage, and then join their families in the audience. Students may come directly to the stage at intermission to warm up/set up. Kashmire-Hermitage is the first piece right after intermission. After the piece, students exit the stage, gather their things from back stage and go sit with their families.

Cell Phones: It is preferred students not bring cell phones to the stage. They should be on silent or turned off during the String Clinic, Rehearsals and at the Concert.

THE BSO IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS AT REHEARSALS OR THE CONCERT

Concert Dress for Side by Side Students and all BSO Musicians: White tops and tasteful blue jeans

Tops can be long sleeve, short sleeve or ¾ sleeve, a white button down shirt is fine too.

NO low cut tops, sleeveless tops, spaghetti strap tops or see through tops

NO super tight jeans or jeans with any rips, holes or tears in them of any kind

NO sandals or flip flops

Hair, make up and jewelry should be tasteful

Ticket Info: For ticket info see the front page of our website (url) or go straight to Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/631039896317>

Water: If you wish, you may bring your own water bottle to the String Clinic, Rehearsals and the Concert.

Music Stands: Stands are provided for all BSO musicians and Side by Side Students. Strings share stands.

The BSO Musicians, Board, Staff and Music Director look forward to having your students join us for this experience! We can't wait to see you!