

Best wishes from the Foxes to our den of awesome SHJO players and family members for a *Joyous Christmas, Wondrous Winter Recess, & Happy New Year!*

We resume rehearsals of SHJO on **Saturday, January 6, 2024.**

Join us and bring a friend!

We hope you will keep on “making music” until then. As our gift to you for additional musical enrichment and key literacy (and to help keep your bows, chops, sticks, or fingers warmed up, well-practiced, and ready for the next season), we would like to recommend you take some time out and play your instrument... and make the holidays even merrier!

DOWNLOAD STUFF FROM THIS HOLIDAY eNEWSLETTER.

It’s time for a little musical exploration. Email us any questions!

1. Go to the landing page of our SHJO website: <https://www.shjo.org/>
2. From the top menu bar, slide over to the far right, hover over the “Resources” option, and click on “Online Academy.”



3. Type in the correct spelling of our password: *symphony*

4. Now for the FUN part! PDF files of scales and musical arrangements are freely available for downloading and printing. Perusing the new music will help you improve your sight-reading, finger dexterity, scale/key recognition, exposure to new styles, range development, and better musicianship and technique. WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

5. First, download a scale warm-up. Start with something easy and that you have done before (GM for violins or BbM for winds.) Then, explore several keys with which you are unfamiliar.

X. Warmups/Exercises

SET #1

- Flute - BbM - gm - Ab - dm - C - em - G - F - am - Eb - cm - D - bm - A - Db
- Oboe - Bb - gm - Ab - dm - C - em - G - F - am - Eb - cm - D - bm - A - Db
- Clarinet - Bb - gm - Ab - dm - C - em - G - F - am - Eb - cm - D - bm - A - Db
- Alto Sax - Bb - gm - Ab - dm - C - em - G - F - am - Eb - cm - D - bm
- Tenor Sax - Bb - gm - Ab - dm - C - em - G - F - am - Eb - cm - D - bm - A - Db
- Bassoon - Bb - gm - Ab - dm - C - em - G - F - am - Eb - cm - D - bm - A - Db
- Horn - Bb - gm - Ab - dm - C - em - G - F - am - Eb - cm - D - bm - A - Db
- Trumpet - Bb - gm - Ab - dm - C - em - G - F - am - Eb - cm - D - bm - A - Db
- Trombone/Baritone - Bb - gm - Ab - dm - C - em - G - F - am - Eb - cm - D - bm - A - Db
- Tuba - Bb - gm - Ab - dm - C - em - G - F - am - Eb - cm - D - bm - A - Db
- Piano - Bb - gm - Ab - dm - C - em - G - F - am - Eb - cm - D - bm - A - Db
- Bells - Bb - gm - Ab - dm - C - em - G - F - am - Eb - cm - D - bm - A - Db
- Band Warmup in a minor xml format (for editing in Noteflight)
- Violin C - am - G - em - F - cm - D - A - Db - Bb
- Viola C - am - G - em - F - cm - D - A - Db - Bb
- Cello (Bassoon part) C - am - G - em - F - cm - D - A - Db - Bb
- String Bass (Trombone part) C - am - G - em - F - cm - D - A - Db - Bb

As you peruse the website, you'll notice even more difficult scale variations and even duets and other pieces to download.

6. At the bottom of the page under “Holiday Carols” is a copy of the parts for the *Merle J. Isaac Christmas Folio* which we played this year. You can share these with your family and friends. (Get together a small family ensemble and play duets. You could even prepare a mini solo recital for your grandparents, aunt/uncles, etc. or other relatives/visitors who stop by. WON'T THEY BE THRILLED!)

Note, there are a few YouTube recordings of the same songs listed on the last two lines in the listing.

HOLIDAY CAROLS

- Flute
 - Oboe
 - Clarinet I
 - Clarinet II
 - Bassoon
 - Horn I
 - Horn II
 - Trumpet I
 - Trumpet II
 - Trombone
 - Tuba
 - Timpani
 - Drums
 - Advanced Violin
 - Violin I
 - Violin II
 - Viola
 - Cello
 - String Bass
- Sample video accompaniments: 6. The First Noel, 8. Hark the Herald Angels Sing, 12. Joy to the World, 13. O Little Town of Bethlehem



7. Looking for something simple and folk/pop music? Try reading through your part of *Ashokan Farewell* (“Ashokan Melodies Only”) and accompany it with the guitar or piano backing track. Do you know your instrument's abbreviation?
VLN = violin, VLA = viola, VC = cello, etc.

ASHOKAN FAREWELL VARIATIONS

- Ashokan Accompaniment - [Guitar Backing Track](#) - [Instrumental Ensemble](#) - [Piano](#)
- Ashokan Melodies & Harmonies for Duets (see above under "Duet-a-thon")
- Ashokan Melodies Only [FL](#) - [OB](#) - [CL](#) - [BSSN/VC](#) - [HN](#) - [TR](#) - [TRB/BAR/BASS](#) - [VLN](#) - [VLA](#) - [PNO](#)

8. **ADVANCED MUSICIANS:** There are a couple of unusual and challenging flex arrangements you could download/print and read through: *Carol of the Bells*; *Jupiter from the Planets*; *1812 Overture*. (These are NOT the same selections we intend to place in your SHJO folders. Be adventurous! Immerse yourself in these "adaptable quintets" using the soundtracks provided and “dive into” new rhythms and keys!
WARNING FOR STRINGS: Watch out for the flats!)

FLEX ENSEMBLE ARRANGEMENTS

- **Arith-Metric** [FL/OB/VLN/BELLS/PIANO](#) - [CL/TR](#) - [FH](#) - [BAR/VC/BASS](#) - [VLA](#) - [playalong](#) - [mp3 file to download](#)
- **Carol of the Bells** (sightreading on December 11, 2021) - [ALL PARTS PDF](#) - [VIDEO](#)
- **Hornpipe from Handel's Water Music** - [ALL PARTS PDF](#) - [SLOW SOUNDTRACK](#)
- **Jupiter from the Planets** - [ALL PARTS PDF](#) - [SOUNDTRACK](#)
- Jupiter Backing Tracks - [minus part 1](#) - [minus part 2](#) - [minus part 3](#) - [minus part 4](#)
- **Tocatta and Fugue** - [score only](#) - [accompaniment/playalong](#) - [all parts](#)
- **1812 Overture** [ALL PARTS](#) (print only your instrument) - [RECORDING](#)

You may notice that “they” may label your instrument by the key it is in, like this:

<u>Part</u>	<u>Instruments</u>
Part 1 in C	Flute – Oboe – Violin
Part 1 in Bb	Bb Clarinet – High Trumpet
Part 1 in Bb (Lower)	Bb Clarinet – Trumpet
Part 1 in Eb	Alto Saxophone
Part 2 in C	Flute – Oboe – Violin
Part 2 in Bb	Bb Clarinet – High Trumpet
Part 2 in Bb (Lower)	Bb Clarinet – Trumpet
Part 2 in Eb	Alto Saxophone
Part 3 in Bb	Bb Clarinet – Trumpet
Part 3 (Various)	Tenor Saxophone – French Horn – Viola
Part 4 in Eb	Baritone Saxophone
Part 4 in Bb	Bass Clarinet
Part 4 in Bass Clef	Cello – Double Bass – Bassoon – Trombone – Tuba
Percussion	Glockenspiel/Mallet Percussion – Triangle Clash Cymbals – Suspended Cymbals – Snare Drum Bass Drum

Have you heard the Trans-Siberian Orchestra
version of Carol of the Bells?

AUDIO ONLY

<https://youtu.be/sCabI3MdV9g>

VIDEO/LIVE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNNwQ85xoxU>



Happy Holidays
from
Donna & Paul Fox

The bottom line? ENJOY THE MUSIC! As we have always said, "*Pobody is nerfect!*" You don't have to be PERFECT to perform music!
Explore the entire SHJO Online Academy site! [The links are active on the website... not within this PDF file!]

Whatever you do, don't neglect your instrument, or let it get dusty over your days-off. Take care!

Paul (and Donna) Fox