



## **Mobile Symphony Orchestra Strings Class Program Description**

*Strings Class* is a music education program in local elementary schools with the Mobile Symphony. Mobile Symphony musicians teach 45 minute group strings lessons to registered students one day per week for 25 weeks during the school day. *Strings Class* meets from September through May. The program is based on the standards and objectives found in Alabama's Music Course of Study.

*Strings Class* instructors are professional musicians and teaching artists with the Mobile Symphony. The classes provide an opportunity for students to learn about music through the framework of the violin, viola or cello. Students learn to read music, perform in front of audiences, evaluation techniques and appreciation for symphonic music. The class curriculum is based on the Alabama Course of Study for Instrumental Music. These talents can lead the child to continue playing their instrument, or enjoy music as an informed audience member.

The cost of *Strings Class* is paid for by the students. Tuition for the first year is \$250 plus a \$50 registration fee.

## ***Strings Class Partner Responsibilities***

Mobile Symphony agrees to:

- Provide registration materials and coordinate student registration. Class rosters will be provided to the school office prior to the first class.
- Provide a professional musician/teaching artist for 45 minutes once per week, per class.
- Send a Mobile Symphony event calendar each month to the school.

Partner school agree to:

- Distribute registration materials and post a link to the mobile Symphony's Education Programs on the school website.
- Provide opportunities for recitals.
- Provide appropriate classroom space.
- Provide a master school calendar to the Strings instructor as soon as available.
- Coordinate the Strings Class schedule directly with the Strings instructor, and keep instructor informed of any changes to the school schedule (field trips, assemblies, etc.).

Strings instructors agree to:

- Coordinate the Strings class schedule directly with school administrators.
- Submit class schedule to MSO Education Director.
- Keep student attendance report.
- Keep school administrators and MSO Education Director informed of any changes to the Strings Class schedule (sickness, Orchestra concerts, etc.).