

Forward from Matthew Ells – Grand Island CSD:

Dear String Instructor/Player,

I am a piano instructor and a composer here in the Buffalo area. On December 8th at 7 PM at St. Michael's Church in downtown Buffalo we will perform a mass that I have composed for SATB & String orchestra, *Mass of Divine Mercy*. It will consist of not only parts of the Catholic Rite, but also other compositions that I have written such as an Ave Verum Corpus meditation and a Magnificat.

We have a chorus (Cantate Omnes), but are in need of more string players. I need a total of about 4 players per section, Violin 1, 2, Viola, Cello, D Bass (I can give you more details if you contact me). This will be heavily advertised on WLOF FM, and most likely WNED. I prefer seasoned, adult, professional players, however, if you have young adults who are exceptional, with excellent intonation etc. they are most welcome.

We will have rehearsals at St. Benedict's Church on Monday evenings. String players can attend as many rehearsals as needed. Please pass this request on to other string teachers if you would like. There may be a small stipend for an organization that helps out. I am working on that with Fr. Fred Betti at St. Michael's, and will let you know more, should you contact me.

Thank you! David Butler.
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