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Orchestra

Folsom Middle School and Sutter Middle School
Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras

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Welcome to Orchestra!

In Orchestra, you can play
violin, viola, cello or bass.

Courses Offered:

Intermediate/Beginning Orchestra - For the 2020-2021 school year, this course is offered to students who have zero up to 2 years of experience on any string instrument.

Advanced Orchestra - This is a two-year course offered to 7th & 8th graders*.

*For course placement questions, please email Emily Shepard at eshepard@fcusd.org

*Hear from middle school students
about why they love Orchestra!*

6TH GRADERS IN
INTERMEDIATE
ORCHESTRA SAY ...

“Music is super fun to learn new songs, find cool notes and rhythms to play on your own.”

- Joey

“Music relaxes the brain and is it more beneficial to play an instrument than to listen to music, and as a member of an orchestra I can feel the difference. You should really join the Orchestra. It is really fun.” - Hema



“I enjoy orchestra because I can express my feelings through how I play the songs we practice.” - Ellery

“Orchestra is important because it makes other people happy when you play your instrument!”

“Orchestra is fun because you get to do a lot of experimenting with rhythms and notes, and you sometimes get to create your own song.”



"I enjoy Orchestra a lot and I think that it is very fun to learn new songs and learn new notes. It also gives me a really good, and happy feeling which is very rare for me."

"Orchestra is a great opportunity to do something you love. When you finally learn how to correctly play a piece it feels very good being able to play it well."

"Orchestra is fun because you get to play a lot of really cool songs, you get to play with friends, meet new friends, and you learn a new talent."

"I joined orchestra because I love listening and playing to music."

“You can play songs that you have heard and create your own song.”

“Playing strings is a great way to express yourself, it may be frustrating at times, but when you get into a groove and really feel the music, it's a feeling you can't get anywhere else. I will have this skill and these memories for the rest of my life and I am so grateful to be able to say that.” - Kate

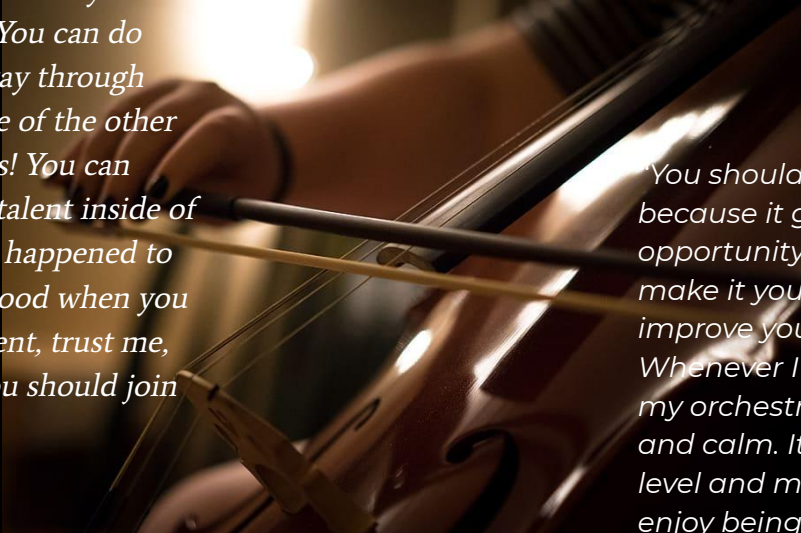


“Orchestra is an awesome place to learn new music, and make new friends! I enjoy playing my instrument because I like playing my own music, and my own spin to new music! Orchestra is always really fun because you also get to meet new people who may have the same interests as you! Join Orchestra!” - Alekhya

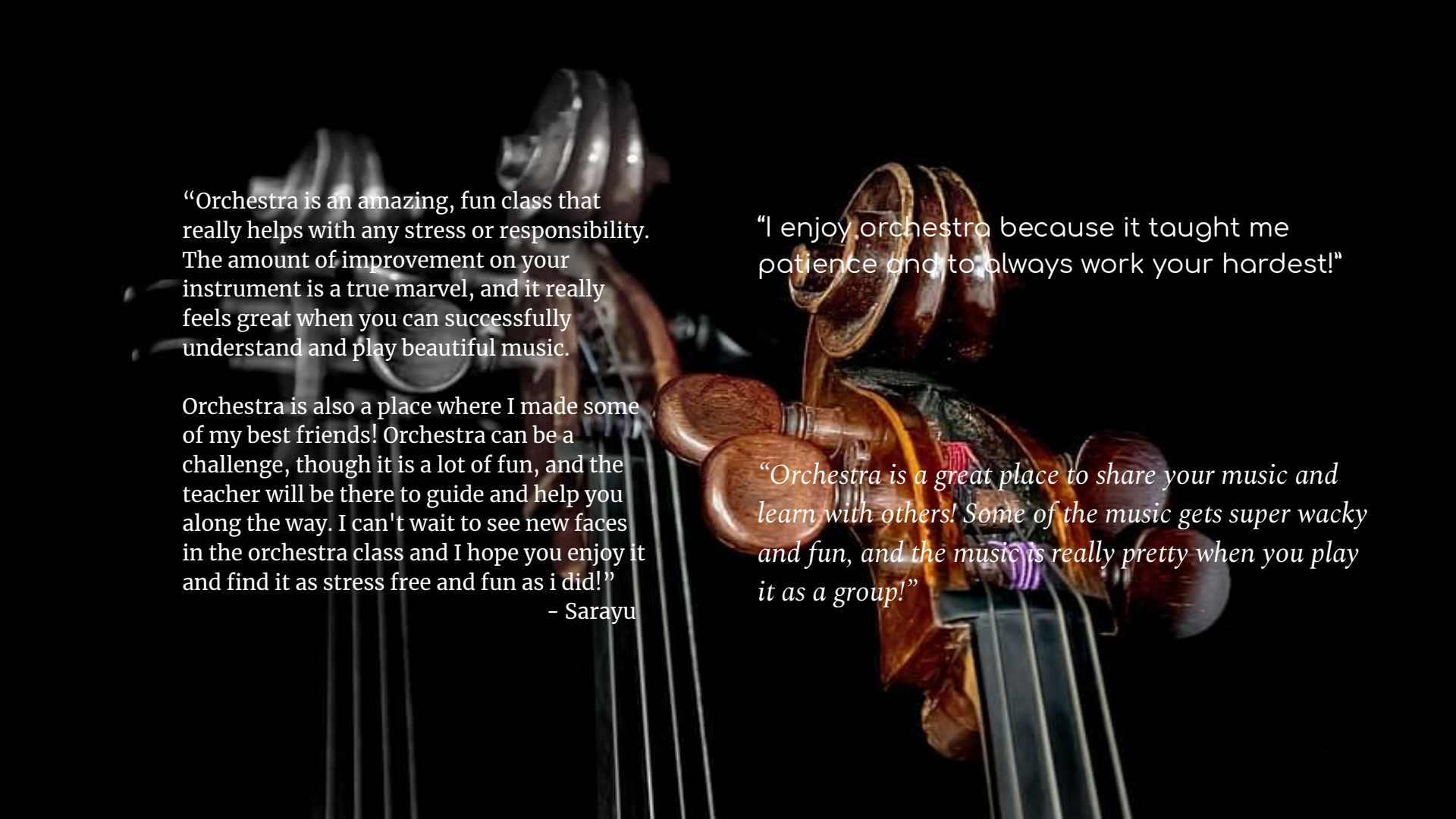
“Orchestra is cool because you can practice and play music that you heard or never heard of.”

7TH & 8TH GRADERS IN ADVANCED ORCHESTRA SAY ...

“Orchestra is great for anyone who wants to try! You can do orchestra all the way through school unlike some of the other sixth grade options! You can discover a hidden talent inside of you, just like what happened to me! You will feel good when you play your instrument, trust me, And this is why you should join orchestra!”



You should join Orchestra because it gives you an opportunity to find a talent and make it your speciality and improve your orchestra skills. Whenever I am heading towards my orchestra class, I feel excited and calm. It lowers your stress level and makes you feel happy. I enjoy being in orchestra because I feel cool that I am part of a song and feel nice because I can play beautiful songs on my instrument.” - Nishanth




“Orchestra is an amazing, fun class that really helps with any stress or responsibility. The amount of improvement on your instrument is a true marvel, and it really feels great when you can successfully understand and play beautiful music.

Orchestra is also a place where I made some of my best friends! Orchestra can be a challenge, though it is a lot of fun, and the teacher will be there to guide and help you along the way. I can't wait to see new faces in the orchestra class and I hope you enjoy it and find it as stress free and fun as i did!”

- Sarayu

“I enjoy orchestra because it taught me patience and to always work your hardest!”

“Orchestra is a great place to share your music and learn with others! Some of the music gets super wacky and fun, and the music is really pretty when you play it as a group!”



“Orchestra can have many benefits to you! It helps you have patience, giving your best tries, and never giving up. Messing up in the music can happen a lot, but it is what helps you learn from it. I enjoy hearing the beautiful sounds of the instruments, and meeting new people in class! -Anika

*“Orchestra is a way to be together. That's what it is all about. It is the way each beautiful instrument fits in with the rest. Music is also not only about dots on lines. There is so much behind music - you just have to figure it out.”
- Preston*

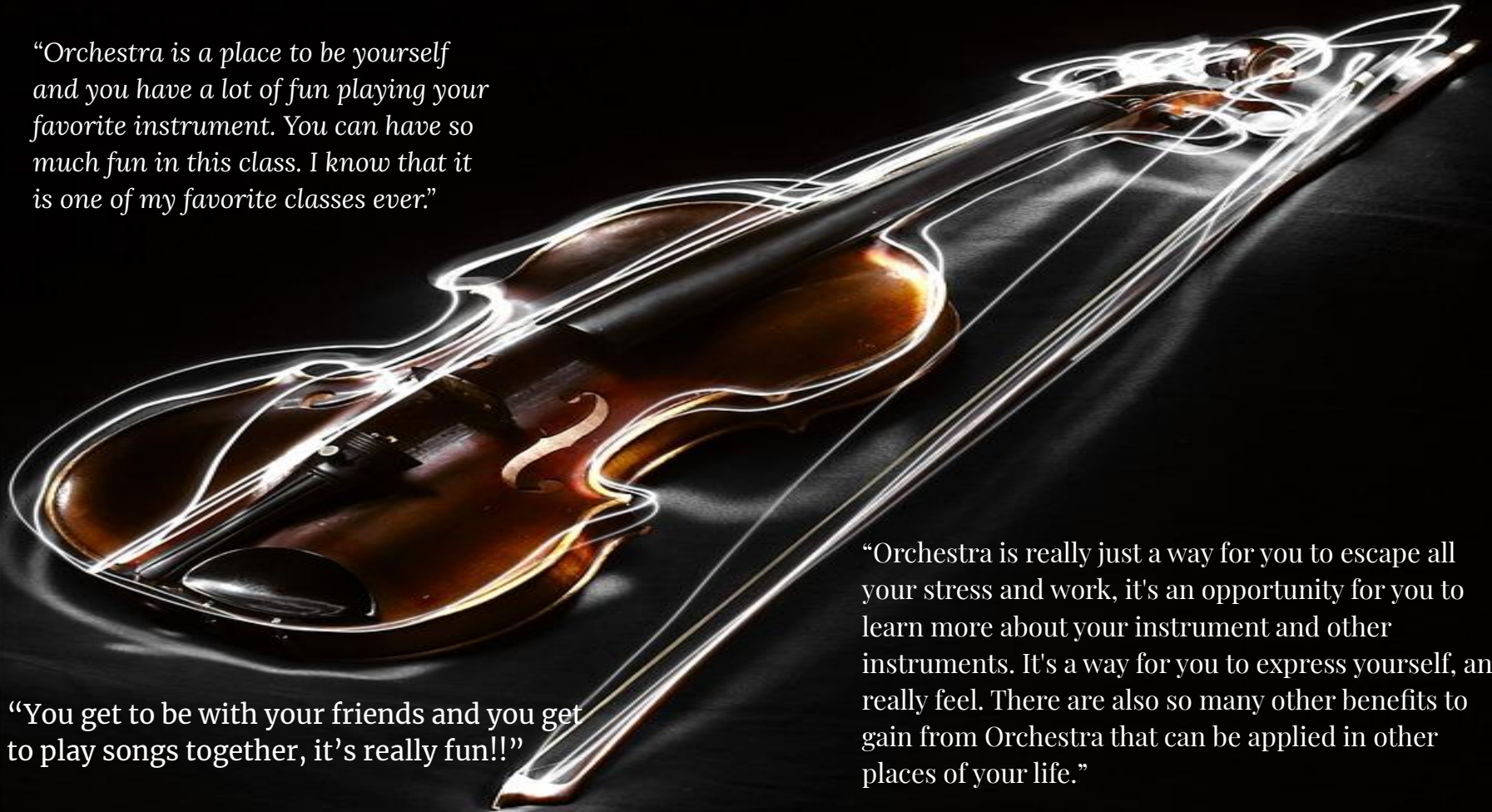
“Orchestra is really fun when you play different songs.”

I enjoy orchestra because I get to create music to entertain myself and others. I get to learn a whole other language of music by creating a beautiful sound out of strings. When I started playing the violin, I entered a whole new world of the magic of music. What encouraged me was the amazing concerts that I saw and I wanted to be able to play in one. I wanted that certain element of magic in my life and I am glad that I joined orchestra :)” - Aditi

“Orchestra is a place to be yourself and you have a lot of fun playing your favorite instrument. You can have so much fun in this class. I know that it is one of my favorite classes ever.”

“You get to be with your friends and you get to play songs together, it’s really fun!!”

“Orchestra is really just a way for you to escape all your stress and work, it's an opportunity for you to learn more about your instrument and other instruments. It's a way for you to express yourself, and really feel. There are also so many other benefits to gain from Orchestra that can be applied in other places of your life.”



“I think you should join sutter middle school's orchestra, it is full of friendship and teamwork.”

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“I enjoy orchestra because it is a time to decompress from a long day at school. I wanted to join orchestra to challenge myself physically and mentally. We hope to see you next year!!!”