

# San Diego Civic Youth Orchestra



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Helpful tips from  
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## Read the Ink!

I believe one of the most important concepts for young musicians to master is that of reading the notes (pitches and rhythms) and the nuances (such as dynamics, tempi and articulations) on the page.

Granted, there is a lot to instantly process while reading music, even after multiple readings of a piece, yet I have found that many students tend to overlook the details. Then, when such details are pointed out in rehearsal, players circle a dynamic marking or write a cue word as a means of getting their attention, but the ink is already there to “get their attention!”

**Here are a few helpful hints to save your No. 2 pencil lead:**

1. Look the music over measure by measure. If there is anything you don't understand, look it up in a music dictionary, or ask your music teacher or another professional musician for clarification. Remember, every word and symbol has a meaning!
2. Study the music away from the instrument. This is important because it frees one's brain from the task of playing the instrument, allowing one to take in more information from the page. Once you have studied a section thoroughly, pick up the instrument and concentrate on playing the details.
3. As a general rule, play notes full value. For an example in common time, a half note beginning on beat 1 ends on beat 3 of the measure.

**As with learning any task, mastery takes lots of patience and practice, but once you make it a habit to “Read the Ink” you will find it easier to express your musicality through your instrument!**

## 2009 Calendar



### November 28

Symphony rehearsal Only

### December 5

Regular rehearsal schedule.

### December 12

Regular rehearsal schedule.

### December 18-19

Nutcracker Performances

### December 26

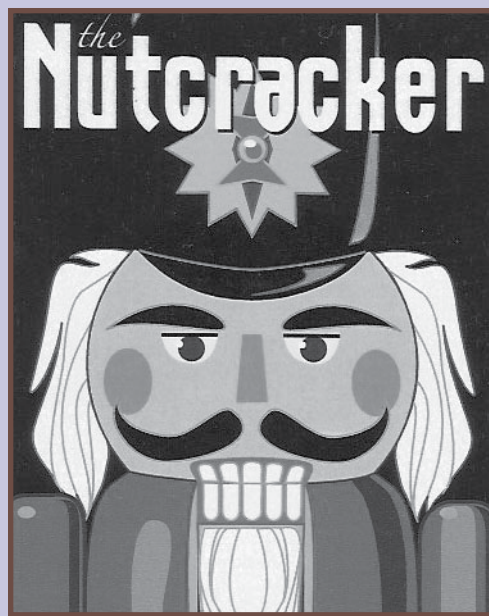
Winter Break- No Rehearsals.

### Regular Schedules:

8-11 AM Symphony  
8-10 AM Primary strings  
10-11 AM Chamber strings  
11-1 PM Intermediate strings  
11-1 PM Wind Ensemble

# Order tickets today!

The CYO presentation of the Nutcracker will be coming to the California Center of the Arts in Escondido. The West Coast Ballet Theater's production of The Nutcracker promises to instill a love of the arts in young and old alike. The family-oriented performance, which features a cast of over 200 performers with internationally acclaimed guest artists, captures the magic, wonder and innocence of Tchaikovsky's beloved ballet as seen through a child's eyes. Spectacular sets, gorgeous costumes, special effects and live music by the San Diego Civic Youth Orchestra come together to create a stunning, grand-scale event that is sure to become a family tradition. Dates for the performances are listed here ⇒  
**Tickets can be purchased by going to [www.sandiegonutcracker.com](http://www.sandiegonutcracker.com)**



**Nutcracker Performances**  
**Dec. 18th - 7:00 PM**  
**Dec. 19th at 1:00 PM**  
**and 7:00 PM**



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