

# LPO Open Rehearsals

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## Format

LPO Open Rehearsals take place during the final rehearsal of a concert's rehearsal cycle, which is usually the morning before a concert. These rehearsals are scheduled for 10 AM to 12:30 PM with a 15-minute break that usually begins between 11 and 11:30. Visiting groups are welcome to stay for all or part of the rehearsal; we usually recommend staying at least through the break.

Because this is a working rehearsal, we can't guarantee that you will hear all of the pieces on the concert in their entirety. You may also hear encore pieces that are not marked in the program.

## Educational Elements

We provide program books and discussion questions at the door for visiting groups. The discussion questions will provide some different perspectives on the music than the program books, as well as ideas you can discuss during the break or after the rehearsal.

## Musician Visit

We generally arrange for a musician from the orchestra to meet with the students. Depending on your arrival time and availability, this usually either takes place before the rehearsal or at the beginning of the rehearsal break. If your group has a specific makeup (e.g., band or string orchestra), or would like to meet a musician from a certain section, please contact [Education](#).

## Refreshments

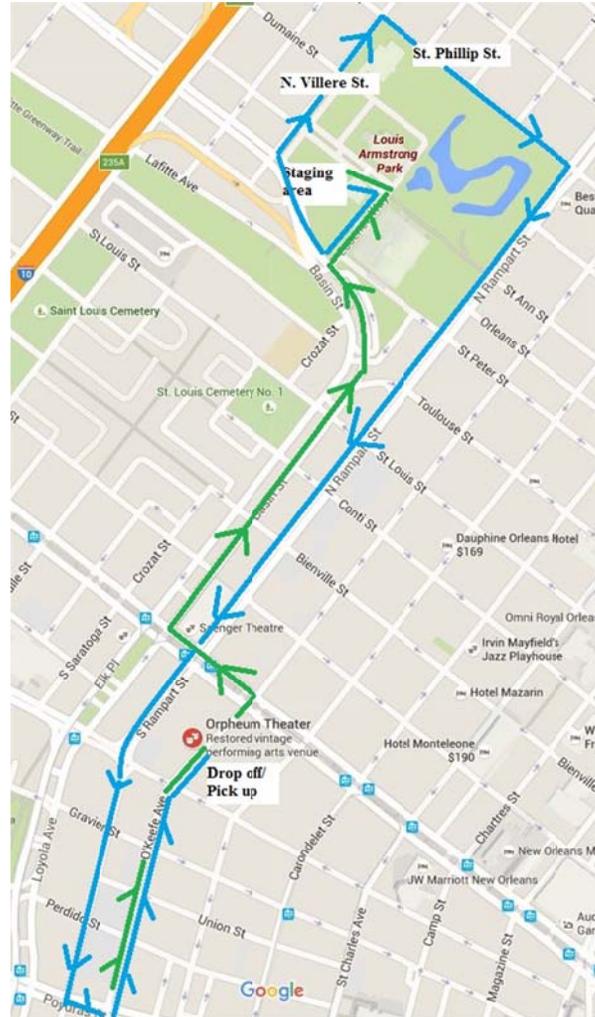
Our LPO Volunteers provide light refreshments at the rehearsal (such as coffee, lemonade, water, and cookies) in the lobby. Students are welcome to these, but please do supervise your students. Some venues allow food and drink to be brought into the hall, but we prefer that student groups keep these in the lobby. Thank you for your understanding.

## Parking and Arrival

### Orpheum Theater

Most of our Open Rehearsals take place at the Orpheum Theater in the New Orleans CBD. Bus parking is sometimes available in front of the theater, but note that this is subject to availability. Buses may unload in front of the theater. Please give bus drivers the attached map to our preferred bus parking location (at the Mahalia Jackson Theater near the French Quarter).

# Orpheum Theater Bus Parking



If you are arriving by car, there are several paid surface lots and garages near the Orpheum Theater. The Roosevelt Hotel across the street also provides valet parking. Please be cognizant if you have to cross Roosevelt Way to come to the theater, as there are often many cabs. There are protected crossings at Common St and Canal St.

Your group will enter through the glass doors on Roosevelt Way.



## **Jefferson Performing Arts Center**

The Jefferson Performing Arts Center is conveniently located at 6400 Airline Drive in Metairie, LA. Parking is located directly across the street from the theater.

Your group will enter by going through the main entrance of the theater at which point there will likely be a security/bag check person to confirm that audience members are not bringing in outside food or drink.

