



UIC HONORS ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL OCTOBER 25, 2025

We are excited to host the inaugural UIC Honors Orchestra Festival and welcome you to the UIC campus and be a part of this special event. Below is some important information to help you plan and be a successful participant at the festival.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to UIC Orchestra Director Timothy Fawkes, tfawkes@uic.edu, if you have any questions not answered here.

SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

8:30-9:15am	Check in at Student Center East
9:30-10:45	Rehearsal
10:45	Break
11:00	Sectionals with UIC string faculty
12:00-12:45pm	Rehearsal
12:45 pm	Lunch in Student Center East (provided)
2:00-2:45	Mini-concert by UIC music students
3:15-4:00	Rehearsal
4:15-5:00	Side-by-side rehearsal with UIC Orchestra
5:00	Dinner break
7:00	Meet in Student Center East dressed for concert
7:30	Concert in Student Center East Illinois Room A: 1) UIC Honors Orchestra 2) UIC Orchestra 3) Combined finale

LOCATIONS AND DIRECTIONS

A campus map showing the buildings and parking can be found at the end of this document.

UIC Student Center East - Illinois Room: 750 S Halsted St., Third Floor

- All events on Sunday will be on the 3rd Floor of Student Center East at 750 S. Halsted St. This is located at the intersection of Halsted St. & Polk St.
- Public Transportation: Student Center East is a block south of the Blue Line at stop UIC - Halsted. Exit out of the eastern-most door to Halstead St.
- Parking: UIC Parking is available in Parking Structure HLPS.

REHEARSAL INFORMATION

Check-in and Onsite Registration

- All participants should proceed to the registration table in the lower-level theatre lobby upon arrival to the ETMSW Building on UIC's campus. Registration will begin at 8:30 am, and we hope all participants will have checked in at the registration table no later than 9:15 am.
- All participants must email the completed forms to Alayna Bell, UIC manager of music ensembles, abell08@uic.edu, or bring them to the registration table on the day of the festival. These forms include the Participation Release Form, Medical Release Form, and Photograph Consent Form. These forms were sent via email and are available on the event website: <https://theatreandmusic.uic.edu/event/honors-orchestra-festival/>
- All students who selected "Pay by Check" in the payment information when registering should also bring cash or check to cover the festival fees to registration. Checks should be made out to "University of Illinois Chicago". No payment is needed if a school is covering the festival fees on behalf of students or if the fees were paid online when accepting the nomination online.
- After completing the onsite registration, students will be brought to a room to warm up and store their belongings. Parents who are attending with their student will be able to relax in the common areas of SCE.

Music

- All festival music will be emailed to students and directors well in advance of the festival. Students, you should plan to learn your parts prior to the festival day!

Meals

- Lunch is provided.
- Snacks are not provided. Students can purchase snacks at Student Center East or bring their own.
- Dinner is not provided. There are lots of dining options on campus and close to campus. A list of some options is at the end of this document.

Rehearsal Etiquette

- All participants are expected to attend and be on time for all festival activities. If issues arise that may cause a late arrival or absences, please communicate with UIC staff as soon as possible.
- Students are expected to be respectful of others and exhibit positive behaviors while interacting with participating in the festival activities.
- All students are expected to be as prepared as possible, which includes bringing their instrument and other required equipment (e.g., instrument, bow, rosin, endpin holder), a pencil, and their music.

CONCERT INFORMATION

Concert Performance Attire

Professional attire is expected for performance. The attire you use for formal concerts at your high school is welcome.

- Option 1: Button-down shirt, tie, dress slacks or khaki pants, dress shoes, dark socks.
- Option 2: Dress (knee-length or lower), dress shoes.
- Option 3: Suit or tuxedo.

Recordings

- An audio recording will be made of the final concert. A recording will be mastered following the performance and a link sent via email to participants.

Concert

- The Concert is on Saturday, October 25 at 7:30 pm in the Illinois Room of Student Center East (750 S. Halsted St., third floor)
- The concert is FREE and open to the public
- The concert will feature the UIC Honors Orchestra, the UIC Orchestra, and a combined finale featuring both groups. All students are expected to stay for the entire concert. The concert will end around 8:40 pm.

OTHER INFORMATION

Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, the following contacts should be used as appropriate:

UIC Honors Band Contact Phone: (312) 996-5307

UIC Police (Emergency): (312) 355-5555

UIC Police (Non-Emergency): (312) 996-2830

Dining Options Nearby

Here are some places where you might get dinner. There are many more dining options on Taylor Street, Randolph Street, and Greek Town.

Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin-Robbins \$
750 S. Halsted St.
(312) 355-2338
7:00am-6:00pm

Fontano's Subs \$
1058 West Polk Street
(312) 421-4474
9:00am-6:00pm

Giordano's Pizza \$\$
815 W Van Buren St #115
(312) 421-1221
11:00am-10:00pm

Jimmy John's \$
812 West Van Buren Street
(312) 733-8030
10:00am-9:00pm

Mr. Greek Gyros \$
234 S. Halsted St.
(312) 906-8731
9:00am-2:00am

Thai Bowl \$
1049 West Taylor Street
(312) 226-9129
11:00am-7:30pm

Panda Express \$
750 S. Halsted St.
(312) 355-2338
11:00am-7:00pm

Primos Chicago Pizza \$
816 W. Van Buren St.
(312) 243-1052
9:00am-2:00am

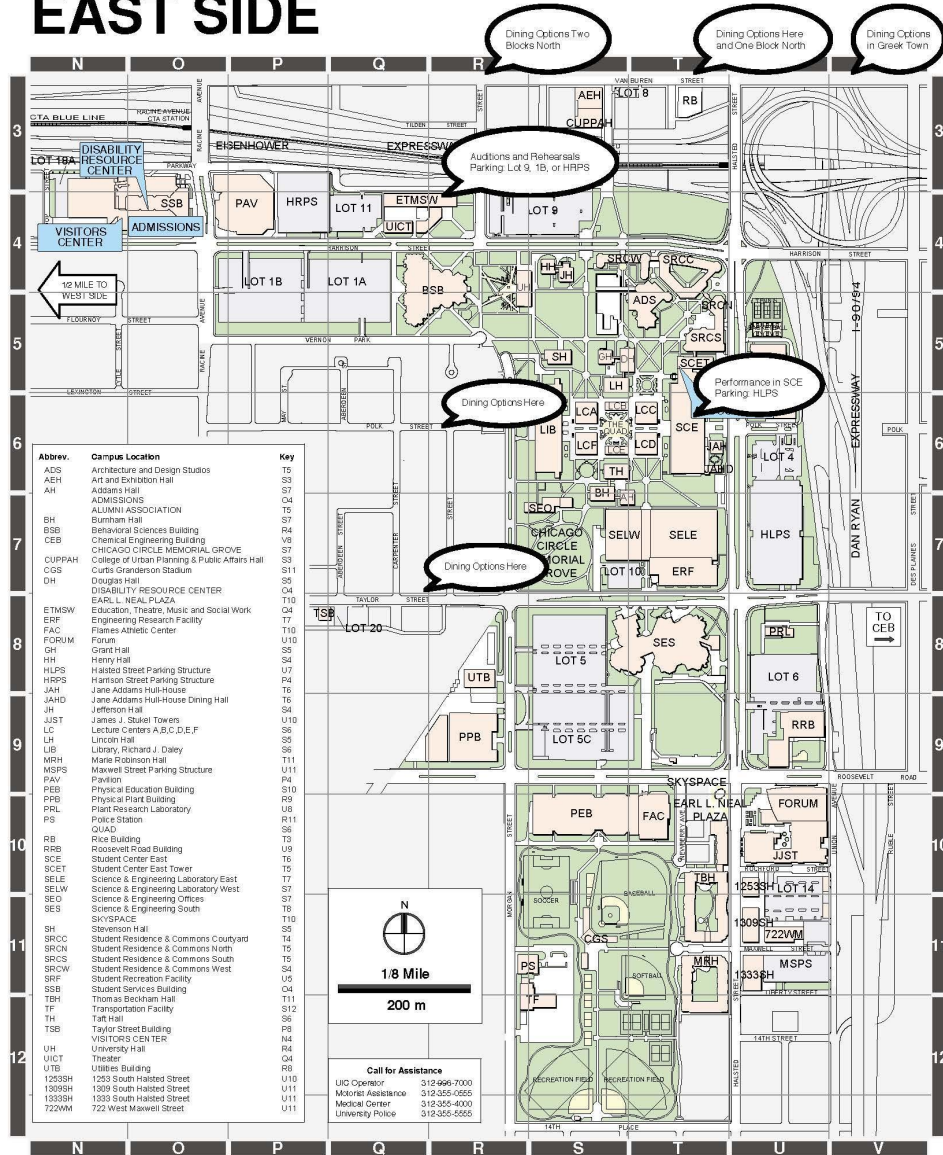
Subway \$
808 W. Jackson Blvd.
(312) 669-1500
9:00am-5:00pm

Taco Burrito King \$
811 W. Jackson Blvd.
(312) 831-0400
10:00am-3:00am

Tuscany Restaurant \$\$
1014 West Taylor Street
(312) 829-1990
4:00pm-10:00pm

Campus Map

EAST SIDE



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