

Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program

Luminaria Bag Folding – Junior Groups

Why do I have these bags?

All AYSP students participate in the Luminaria Tradition. This year families are asked to fold 25dz (300 bags total) of luminaria bags.

What do I do with these bags?

You will be folding these bags, the first step in preparing luminarias. Please follow instructions carefully.

PLEASE NOTE: We understand that bags sometimes tear. We have included extra bags and ask that you fold all of them carefully. **Please do not glue or tape tears. Simply discard torn bags.** We will have extra bags available at the luminaria table in the lobby.

Deadline: Saturday, October 19, 2019 - All folded bags must be returned to the AYSP facility during rehearsal hours no later than the deadline.

Instructions

Step #1: Take an unfolded bag and double crease the top of the bag so that it is about the width of a quarter. Carefully fold the creases inside-out to create a double folded sleeve. If the bag tears visibly, discard it. **Consistency in the width of the fold is critical.** Students should fold 12 bags and bring them to rehearsal on **Saturday, September 7, 2019** for quality inspection by a luminaria volunteer.

For more information, view the following YouTube videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QX6hnh2EA8&t=2s>

&/or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLUt7JwEBus>

Step #2: Count stacks of one dozen (12) bags each. Face each dozen in the same direction (i.e. all folds to the right). Alternate the openings of each dozen as you stack them, and place **five dozen into an unfolded bag** – you may use a defective bag from step one for this.

Step #3: When you have a total of five bags of five dozen each (25 dozen), pack these into a Trader Joe's Grocery bag.

Step #4: Fold the Trader Joe's bag as follow:

- Firmly press down the 25 dozen bags to make it more compact
- Fold down the creased sides towards the center.
- Now fold and press the wider edges down firmly until you get an overlapping seal.
- Immediately place a strip of sealing tape across the top.
- Complete the seal by placing another strip of tape perpendicular to the first.

Step #5: With a magic marker, **write your name, ensemble and the total number of dozen folded bags on the outside.** Congratulations! You have just completed a full bundle of 25 dozen folded luminarias.

Step #6: All folded bags must be returned to the AYSP facility during rehearsal hours before **Saturday, October 19, 2019.**