



THE HARRY CHAPIN PRACTICE-A-THON

March 2023 Student Participation Packet

During the month of March, music students across New York State are invited to participate in a Practice-a-Thon, with all proceeds going to local food banks and their efforts for hunger relief. Now, more than ever, our food banks need our help. Our mission is to strengthen your practice habits while empowering you to make a difference in your community. Learn more at hcpracticeathon.com.

What You Need to Do:

STEP 1

Ask your family members or friends to pledge a penny, nickel, dime, or quarter for each minute you practice. Even one penny a day can make a difference.

Fill in your sponsor's name and pledge on the *Sponsor Pledge Form*. The packet can be printed out and filled in by hand or filled in on a computer when opened with [Adobe Reader](#) (a free download). Download the packet, save it to your desktop, and open it with Adobe Reader to use. To find the online form go to hcpracticeathon.com.

STEP 2

Try to practice every day in March. Keep track of your practice minutes on the *Daily Practice Log*. The more you practice, the more you will help our local food bank, *Regional Food Bank of New York*, and the more you will strengthen your playing. Do you know the way to Carnegie Hall? Practice, practice, practice ☺

STEP 3

In April, send the *Sponsor Donation Request Form* to your sponsors. **Do NOT bring donations to your music teacher.**

Sponsors can donate online at:

<https://give.classy.org/2023Practiceathon>

or mail donations directly to:

Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York Attn: Bethany Stiles, Practice-A-Thon
965 Albany-Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110

Checks should be made payable to *Regional Food Bank of New York*

STEP 4

Email or bring a copy of your completed *Daily Practice Log* to your music teacher, who will keep track of the total minutes and donations from your school. Please thank your sponsors and ***bravo to you for working to help families in New York!***

Musician's name

Music teacher

School



Musician's Name: _____

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DAILY PRACTICE LOG

EMAIL OR GIVE THIS FORM TO YOUR MUSIC TEACHER

Please record the number of minutes practiced each day.
 Work to practice at least 5 minutes every day and aim for 30 minutes or more.
 Try not to miss two days in a row and you will be on your way to
 being the best musician you can be!

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	
					1 ____ minutes	2 ____ minutes	Total Week #1_____
3 ____ minutes	4 ____ minutes	5 ____ minutes	6 ____ minutes	7 ____ minutes	8 ____ minutes	9 ____ minutes	Total Week #2_____
10 ____ minutes	11 ____ minutes	12 ____ minutes	13 ____ minutes	14 ____ minutes	15 ____ minutes	16 ____ minutes	Total Week #3_____
17 ____ minutes	18 ____ minutes	19 ____ minutes	20 ____ minutes	21 ____ minutes	22 ____ minutes	23 ____ minutes	Total Week #4_____
24 ____ minutes	25 ____ minutes	26 ____ minutes	27 ____ minutes	28 ____ minutes	29 ____ minutes	30 ____ minutes	Total Week #5_____

TOTAL MINUTES PRACTICED _____

TOTAL PLEDGE AMOUNT per minute _____

TOTAL DONATION _____

Thank you for making a difference!

By checking this box, I verify that the above statements are true.

Musician's name

Music teacher

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SPONSOR PLEDGE FORM

Keep This Form for Your Records

Thank you for your support of **The Harry Chapin Practice-a-Thon!** Music students across New York will devote the month of March to raising money for local food banks and strengthening their practice habits. Please pledge a penny, nickel, dime, or quarter for each minute of this musician's practice. Even small change makes a difference! Your contribution is tax-deductible.

Name	Address or email	Pledge per minute	Total owed (<i>minutes practiced x pledge</i>)

Total Minutes Practiced_____

Total Pledge Amount Per Minute_____

TOTAL DONATION_____

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*Please thank your sponsors with a card, call, or email.
Thank you for helping needy families in New York State!
You have made a difference!*

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SPONSOR DONATION REQUEST FORM

Copy this to email or give to your sponsors

Dear _____,
Sponsor's name

Thank you so much for supporting me in the Harry Chapin Practice-a-thon!

With your help, we are making a difference for needy families in NY.

During this last month, I practiced for _____ minutes.

And you graciously sponsored me for _____ a minute.

Please **send this form** and your donation of _____ directly to the food bank.
Practice minutes x pledge

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Thank you for working together with me to help families in need.

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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!" Helen Keller