



Eric Benjamin

After attending New England Conservatory of Music, Mr. Benjamin began his career as teacher and conductor at Newton (MA) North High School. In 1987, he returned to New England Conservatory to study orchestral conducting with Carl St. Clair.

A brief tenure as director of the Harvard Mozart Society Orchestra was curtailed by his acceptance of a position on the conducting staff of the Akron Symphony, a position he held for eleven years. During that time, he served as director of the Akron Youth Symphony and appeared as guest conductor with the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, Erie Philharmonic, Canton Youth Symphony and numerous student festivals. He also became music director of the Tuscarawas Philharmonic, a position he still holds. He recently served as director of Instrumental Ensembles at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. Teaching is one of his passions.

"I love to engineer interactions between music and young people. The challenge and joy for a music teacher is to connect up the intellectual, technical and scholarly aspects of music study with the electrical current that runs through the student and makes her want to study music in the first place."



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2010-2011 Schedule

Auditions	September 11, 2010 for strings & percussion
	September 12, 2010 for woodwinds and brass
	Arts in Stark Education Center 1014 Cleveland Ave. NW
Weekly Rehearsals	AIS Ed Center, 6:00 — 8:45pm
Dress Rehearsals	on the day of the performance 2:30pm
Performances	GlenOak High School—4:00pm (Nov./May) 1801 Schneider St. NE Canton 44721
	Oakwood Middle School—4:00pm (Feb.) 2300 Schneider St. NE Canton 44721

2010

Wednesday, September 15	Rehearsal
Wednesday, September 22	Rehearsal/Parent Orientation
Wednesday, September 29	Rehearsal
Wednesday, October 6	Rehearsal (sectional with CSO*)
Wednesday, October 13	Rehearsal
Wednesday, October 20	Rehearsal
Wednesday, October 27	Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 3	Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 10	Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 17	Rehearsal
Sunday, November 21	Rehearsal/Performance
Wednesday, December 1	Rehearsal
Wednesday, December 8	Rehearsal
Wednesday, December 15	Rehearsal

2011

Wednesday, January 5	Rehearsal
Wednesday, January 12	Rehearsal/Parent Meeting
Wednesday, January 19	Rehearsal (sectional with CSO*)
Wednesday, January 26	Rehearsal
Wednesday, February 2	Rehearsal
Wednesday, February 9	Rehearsal
Wednesday, February 16	Rehearsal
Sunday, February 20	Rehearsal/Performance
Wednesday, February 23	Rehearsal
Friday, February 25	Concerto Competition for interested juniors & seniors
Wednesday, March 2	Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 9	Rehearsal/Parent Meeting
Wednesday, March 16	Rehearsal (sectional with CSO*)
Wednesday, March 23	Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 30	NO Rehearsal (Spring Break)
Wednesday, April 6	Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 13	Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 20	Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 27	Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 4	Rehearsal
Sunday, May 8	Rehearsal/Performance

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Schedule is subject to change.

Canton Youth Symphony

Eric Benjamin, Conductor



Performing
today...

Preparing for
tomorrow

2010—2011 Season

Canton Symphony Orchestra
Gerhardt Zimmermann, Music Director

Purpose

The Canton Youth Symphony provides young musicians with the opportunity to rehearse and perform in a full symphony orchestra. CYS creates an atmosphere of learning, musical exploration, professional and personal development, and FUN!

While CYS is a fun outlet for musical expression and social involvement, it can also serve as an effective springboard into a college major and eventual career as a performing musician. We hope that all musicians in CYS will go on to enjoy lives filled with the joy of music, either as professional musicians, talented amateurs, and/or enthusiastic and well-informed audience members.

Eligibility

Audition: Membership in the Canton Youth Symphony is by audition, which can be scheduled by calling the Canton Symphony office at (330)452-3434, ext. 610. The audition consists of a prepared solo, major scales up to 4 sharps/4 flats, and sight-reading. Seating arrangements are determined by the conductor after the initial audition and at his discretion as the season progresses.



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Age: CYS is primarily intended for students in high school and junior high. However, there is no minimum age requirement. Students at local colleges may also participate, though seating priority will be given to the younger members.

Residency: There are NO residency restrictions for membership in CYS.

School Music Programs

In support of school music programs, it is the policy of the Canton Youth Symphony that members are **REQUIRED** to also participate in at least one school instrumental ensemble (if one is available). Extenuating circumstances will only be considered on a case by case basis. We will verify student's participation in school music programs by either contacting the school directly or asking students to obtain the school music director's signature.

Rehearsal Attendance

A strict attendance policy is crucial to the success of any performing ensemble, and CYS is no exception. Rehearsal attendance is mandatory.

The office must be notified of any anticipated absences as soon as possible by calling (330)452-3434 ext. 610 or via e-mail to cys@cantonsymphony.org.

If a school music ensemble in which the student is enrolled has a performance that conflicts with a CYS rehearsal, the student must participate in their school music ensemble performance.

Any conflicts that will result in absence from CYS rehearsal must be brought to the attention of the conductor as early as possible.

In the case of two or more absences per concert preparation period, musicians may be required to play privately for the conductor to ensure that they are ready to perform in the concerts. If they are not ready, the conductor reserves the right to exclude a musician from any given performance. This policy will enable the CYS to maintain the high level of performance expected.

Concerts and dress rehearsals are mandatory except in the case of severe illness or family emergency. So mark your calendars early!

Tuition

Tuition is \$125 for one student and \$175 maximum required per family. Tuition helps to defray a portion of the costs of the program. Tuition assistance is available for those who qualify. Arrangements may be made by contacting the Canton Symphony Orchestra office. We want all qualified musicians to participate regardless of ability to pay.

Private Instruction

Although not required, musicians are encouraged to take private lessons on their instruments. CYS members regularly work with members of the Canton Symphony Orchestra in sectional rehearsals to supplement the learning that takes place in weekly rehearsals.

Responsibilities and Expectations

Students are expected to be in their seats and ready to play at 6:00pm. A security guard will have the building open as early as 5:00pm for early arrival.

Players should always bring a pencil to rehearsals.

Cell phones must be silenced and left in a case, purse, book bag etc. during rehearsal. Students may not use cell phones during rehearsal time.

Students are responsible for their own music. If they are missing music, they must request another copy at least one day prior to the next rehearsal (not five minutes before rehearsal begins).

Students are expected to practice their parts on their own outside of rehearsals.

Musicians are expected to be on their best behavior during all CYS activities.



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Performance Attire

Women: black or navy blue (black preferred) floor length skirt, dress, or pants, white blouse with sleeves, black shoes.

Men: black or navy blue suit (black preferred), white shirt (with buttons and a collar) and tie, black socks and shoes.

Family Involvement

Families are encouraged to be actively involved with the Canton Youth Symphony. We have one family meeting per concert cycle. To find out about ways to get involved, please call the office at (330)452-3434 ext. 610.