Student musicians, elementary through high school, are invited to audition for the Canton Youth Symphonies.

**CANTON YOUTH SYMPHONY ADVANCED ORCHESTRA (CYSAO)**

The CYSAO performs diverse and challenging orchestral masterworks in their original form.

Rehearsal Times: Mondays 6:00-8:30pm

**CYSAO Musician's exhibit:**
- Accurate intonation and excellent rhythmic strength
- Exceptional musicality
- **String players** must demonstrate proficiency shifting in multiple positions and a comfort playing in the upper register
- **Brass players** must have at least a two and a half octave range (three octaves are preferred)
- **Woodwind players** must be comfortable with the full range of the instrument
- **Clarinet, French Horn, and Trumpet** demonstrate a willingness to transpose
- **Cello, Trombone, and Bassoon** must read tenor clef or be willing to learn

**CANTON YOUTH SYMPHONY INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA (CYSIO)**

The CYS performs educational arrangements of orchestral repertoire.

Rehearsal Times: Tuesdays 6:00-8:30pm

**CYS Musician's exhibit:**
- Accurate intonation and strong, developing rhythmic capabilities and musicality
- Willingness to take direction and risks
- **String players** must be able to shift out of at least first/half position
- **Woodwind/Brass players** must have at least a one and a half octave range
- **Percussionists** should demonstrate flexibility and willingness to learn new instruments

**CANTON YOUTH STRINGS**

Beginning and intermediate string players are allowed to participate if they have basic skills and sight reading abilities. (audition still required)

Rehearsal Times: Mondays 6:00-7:00pm
AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:

Canton Youth Symphony accepts auditions from the following instruments:

- **Strings** (violin, viola, cello, bass, harp)
- **Woodwinds** (flute/piccolo, oboe/English horn, clarinet, bassoon)
- **Brass** (French horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba)
- **Percussion** (timpani, drums, mallet and auxiliary percussion)
- **Piano** (CYS only)

Each **unaccompanied** audition lasts approximately 10 minutes. Auditions include:

- one fast, technical excerpt (student's choice)
- one slow, lyrical excerpt (student's choice)
- assigned orchestral excerpts*
- scales
- sight-reading (CYSAO only)

Students should choose their excerpts from:

- Concertos
- Sonatas
- Etudes
- Orchestral excerpts
- Solo and ensemble contest pieces

Percussionists should choose excerpts to be performed on two different instruments.

*Auditions for CYS and CYSAO include 1-3 orchestral excerpts chosen by the Music Director, which can be found online beginning July 1st.

Each audition involves playing major scales.

**CYS and CYSAO:** C, G, D, A, E, F, Bb, Eb, or Ab major

**CYS Strings:** F, C, G, or D major

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**AUDITION SCHEDULE TBA**

**Auditions will take place in late August/early September 2020**

**Location:** Zimmermann Symphony Center

2331 17th St. NW, Canton

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