



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

Concert Schedule 2020-21:

CYSAO: Nov 23, Feb 23, May 4
CYS/Youth Strings: Nov 22, Feb 22,
May 3

Concert times and locations can be found online (dates/times subject to change)

CANTON YOUTH SYMPHONY (CYS)

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.

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

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

AUDITION SCHEDULE

August 30 - September 2
Times: TBA

Location: Zimmermann
Symphony Center
2331 17th St. NW, Canton

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