



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 STRINGS

Canton Youth Strings performs string orchestra arrangements.

Rehearsal Times: Mondays 5:00-6:00pm

Youth Strings Musician's exhibit:

- Good intonation and developing rhythmic and musicality
- Willingness to learn and take risks

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
- **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



AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:

CYS and CYSAO:

Each **unaccompanied** audition lasts approximately 10 minutes.

Auditions include:

- one fast, technical excerpt (student's choice)
- one slow, lyrical excerpt (student's choice)
- 1-3 orchestral excerpts chosen by the Music Director, which can be found online beginning in July.
- scales (C, G, D, A, E, F, Bb, Eb, or Ab major)
- sight-reading (CYSAO only)

Canton Youth Strings:

Each unaccompanied audition lasts approximately 10 minutes. (violin, viola, cello, and bass)

- 2 scales (F, C, G or D Major)
- 2 prepared excerpts one more technical, one more lyrical (student's choice)

Canton Youth Symphonies accept 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**

Students should choose their excerpts from:

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

For Program Information and Audition Reminders text @cysinfo to 81010, or visit our website at www.cantonsymphony.org or contact Rachel Hagemeyer, Manager of Education and Community Engagement at 330-452-3434 ext. 604 or rhagemeyer@cantonsymphony.org