



Audition Requirements

2017-2018

MCYO is Nashville's eclectic youth orchestra. As we embark on our eleventh season, we are seeking dedicated and accomplished student musicians to join us as we set off on this adventure. MCYO provides a dynamic experience for all participants as we explore a wide variety of music for string orchestra, including classical, jazz, rock, fiddle, and world music styles. MCYO offers two student programs:

- MCYO Concert Orchestra (CO) – intended for advanced level string students.
- MCYO Chamber Ensembles (CE) – intended for intermediate through advanced level string students. Also open to piano, guitar, harp, and woodwinds under private arrangement.

2017 – 2018 season auditions will be held **by appointment only** on Monday evening **August 7 from 4:00pm – 8:45pm**, Saturday morning **August 12 from 9:00am – 12:00 (noon)**, and Monday evening **August 14 by appointment only**. Auditions are held at Belmont United Methodist Church (BUMC), 2007 Acklen Avenue in Nashville.

To schedule an audition, please contact us at info@musiccityyo.org or call 615.200.MCYO (6296). Rehearsals are held at BUMC on Monday evenings from 6:00 – 8:15 pm (CO) and in one-hour increments between 4:00 – 7:00 pm (CE) beginning August 15. Students who audition will be asked to prepare for the following:

Advanced Level:

- Scales: Play all scales with long bows (frog to tip) with one note per bow. Also be able to demonstrate 2 and 4 notes per bow.
 - One 3 octave major scale in the key of your choice (2 octaves for bass players).
 - Any 2 octave major scale in the keys of Eb, Bb, F, C, G, D, A, E. Keys will be chosen by the director.
- Solos: Play two short previously prepared pieces unaccompanied and in contrasting styles. Please only play 1 to 2 minutes per piece. Each piece may contrast in tempo, articulation, style, genre, etc., and should demonstrate your best musicianship and technical skill level.
- Sight read a selection from the orchestra's repertoire and demonstrate a knowledge of various key signatures.

Intermediate Level:

- Scales: Play all scales with long bows (frog to tip) with one note per bow.
 - One 2 octave major scale in the key of your choice (1 octave for bass players).
 - Any 2 octave major scale in the keys of Bb, F, C, G, D, A Keys will be chosen by the director.
- Solos: Play two short previously prepared pieces unaccompanied and in contrasting styles. Please only play 1 to 2 minutes per piece. Each piece may contrast in tempo, articulation, style, genre, etc., and should demonstrate your best musicianship and technical skill level.
- Sight read a selection from the orchestra's repertoire.

Interested students need to submit an audition application and complete an audition. **Auditions are required for new students and returning students wishing to change ensemble programs. Returning CO students will need to sign up for a reseating audition.** Online enrollment forms will be made available to a participating student upon acceptance into an MCYO program. **CE tuition rates are \$220 per semester or \$440 for the season. CO tuition rates are \$275 for the 2017-2018 season with a Parent-Student Fundraising Commitment of \$250.** Many fun and unique fundraisers are offered throughout the season and assistance from the Advisory Board and Executive Director ensures that no student is left without the help necessary to participate in MCYO.

Members of MCYO programs are expected to regularly attend rehearsals, attend all performances and give notification in advance for all absences. They are also expected to practice adequately to be able to contribute to the group's mastery of the material under study. It is **highly recommended** that each student undertake a course of study on his or her instrument with a private teacher.

Thank you for your interest in MCYO! Please contact us with any questions.

Travis Patton
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MCYO Concert Orchestra

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Chamber Ensemble Director
MCYO Chamber Ensembles

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Executive Director
Music City Youth Orchestra



Audition Application 2017-2018

Please type or print clearly:

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

County _____

Parent Phone: Home (_____) _____ - _____ Cell (_____) _____ - _____

Student Phone: Home (_____) _____ - _____ Cell (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail: Family _____ Student _____

**MCYO's primary means of communication is via e-mail*

Primary Instrument _____ Number of years playing _____

Grade as of fall 2017 _____

Current school _____

Do you participate in school ensembles (band, orchestra, choir, other) Y _____ N _____

School Ensemble or Director's Name _____

Current Private Teacher _____ Years studied with current teacher _____

Private Teacher E-mail _____ Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Please list all other instruments that you play _____

Please list all current extracurricular activities _____

Solos you are performing (*piece and composer*)

1) _____

2) _____

How did you learn about MCYO? _____

Music City Youth Orchestra is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, a partner of The Nashville Symphony, a member of the League of American Orchestras, and a beneficiary of the Metro Nashville Arts Commission.