

CANTON YOUTH SYMPHONIES

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

CYS accepts auditions from the following instrumentalists:

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

Each **unaccompanied** audition lasts approximately 10 minutes. Students must prepare two contrasting pieces - one fast, technical excerpt and one slow, lyrical excerpt. Acceptable pieces include:

- Movements from concertos or other solo works, including Solo and Ensemble contest pieces
- Sonatas
- Etudes
- Partitas
- Orchestral Excerpts

Percussionists should select works to be performed on two different percussion instruments.

In addition, **students interested in placement in CYS or CYSAO are required to prepare a short orchestral excerpt** chosen by the CYS Music Director (information is available on the web site).

Each audition also involves playing a major scale of the Music Director's choice. The Canton Youth Symphony and Advanced Orchestra must prepare the following scales: C, G, D, A, E, F, Bb, Eb, and Ab major. The Canton Youth Strings will play either F, C, G or D major.

Those auditioning for the Canton Youth Symphony Advanced Orchestra must also sight-read at their audition.

AUDITION SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY
AUGUST 20, 21 & 23
4:00pm - 8:00pm**

Auditions will take place at:
**Zimmermann Symphony Center
2331 17th St. NW, Canton**

**SUNDAY
AUGUST 26TH
2:00pm - 7:00pm**

**To schedule an audition, call Irene Barker,
Director of Education and Community Engagement
beginning July 30, 2018 at
330-452-3434 ext. 604**

None of these times work for you? Call to discuss additional audition opportunities.

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PARTICIPATION

Student musicians are invited to audition for the Canton Youth Symphonies. Advanced elementary school students are welcome to audition. High School graduates may audition but will not be considered for principal positions with the orchestra.

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When each student auditions he/she will be placed in one of the following ensembles. If a student is not accepted into the orchestra, he/she is encouraged to take private lessons and re-audition for the ensemble at a later date. Students may audition twice in the same season.

CANTON YOUTH SYMPHONY ADVANCED ORCHESTRA (CYSAO)

The Canton Youth Symphony Advanced Orchestra rehearses every Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 8:30 and performs diverse and challenging orchestral repertoire. To audition into CYS Advanced Orchestra the student musician should exhibit:

- Accurate intonation and excellent rhythmic strength.
- Exceptional musicality
- The ability to sight-read and take directions
- **String players** must demonstrate proficiency shifting in multiple positions
- **Woodwind and brass players** must have at least a two octave range. A three octave range is preferred
- **Woodwind and brass players** must demonstrate a willingness to transpose
- **Percussionists** should demonstrate flexibility and willingness to learn new instruments

CANTON YOUTH SYMPHONY (CYS)

The Canton Youth Symphony rehearses every Monday evening from 6:00 to 8:30 and performs diverse and challenging orchestral repertoire. To audition into CYS Advanced Orchestra the student musician should exhibit:

- Accurate intonation and strong, developing rhythmic capabilities.
- Willingness to take directions and risks
- **String players** must be able to shift out of at least first/half position
- **Woodwind and brass players** must have at least a two octave range
- **Woodwind and brass players** must demonstrate a willingness to transpose
- **Percussionists** should demonstrate flexibility and willingness to learn new instruments

CYS STRINGS

The Canton Youth Strings rehearses every Monday evening from 4:45-5:45 and performs beginning and intermediate string repertoire. All beginning and intermediate string players are allowed to participate in CYS Strings as long as they have basic skills and sight reading abilities. However, an audition is still required for placement.

PERFORMANCES

The Canton Youth Symphonies perform 3 concerts in a season (Sept.- April). Concert dates for the 2018-19 season are: November 11, 2018 4pm; February 10, 2019 4pm and April 30, 2019 7pm (tentative). Nov. & Apr. concerts are performed at Umstadt Performing Arts Hall, 2323 17th Street NW, Canton; Feb. concert at Jackson HS.

(dates and times may be subject to change)