



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

CANTON YOUTH SYMPHONY ADVANCED ORCHESTRA (CYSAO)

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

Rehearsal Time: 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 octave range
- **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

2026-2027 Auditions!

AUGUST 17-19, 23, AND SEPTEMBER 1

Learn more and sign up for your audition at
<https://www.cantonsymphony.org/cys-audition-information/>

Email cys@cantonsymphony.org with questions.

CANTON YOUTH STRINGS (YS)

Canton Youth Strings performs beginner string orchestra arrangements.

Rehearsal Time: Mondays 6:30-7:30pm

Youth Strings Musician's exhibit:

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

CANTON YOUTH SYMPHONY (CYS)

CYS performs intermediate educational arrangements of orchestral repertoire.

Rehearsal Time: 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:

All auditions are unaccompanied and last approximately 10 minutes.

CYS and CYSAO:

Auditions include:

- **2 prepared pieces of the students choice** (one technical, one lyrical). Each piece should be no longer than 2 minutes. Students may play an excerpt of a longer work if the length of the work exceeds 2 minutes.
- **1-3 orchestral excerpts chosen by the conductor**, which can be found online beginning in July.
- **2 Scales** (C, G, D, A, E, F, Bb, Eb, or Ab major)
- **Sight-reading** (CYSAO only)

Canton Youth Strings:

(violin, viola, cello, and bass)

Auditions include:

- **2 scales** (F, C, G or D Major)
- **2 prepared pieces of the student's choice** (one technical, one lyrical). Each piece should be no longer than 2 minutes. Students may play an excerpt of a longer work if the length of the work exceeds 2 minutes.

CYS and CYSAO accept auditions from the following instruments:

Strings (violin, viola, cello, double bass)

Woodwinds (flute/piccolo, oboe/English horn, clarinet, bassoon)

Brass (French horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba)

Percussion (timpani, drums, mallet and auxiliary percussion)

Percussionists must also prepare two solo pieces for their audition. One of their solo pieces must be for snare drum.

Piano & Harp

Students should choose their prepared pieces from:

- Concertos
- Sonatas
- Etudes
- Orchestral excerpts
- Solo and ensemble contest pieces
- Part from school ensemble music

QUESTIONS?

Visit our website at <https://www.cantonsymphony.org/about-canton-youth-symphonies/> or email cys@cantonsymphony.org. You can also call Caroline Eberhard, Director of Education and Community Engagement at 330-452-3434 ext. 104.