

Audition Announcement Inside

Bay Youth Orchestras
of Virginia
P.O. Box 8158
Norfolk VA 23503
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**June 5 & 7, 2010
Auditions
for the
2010-2011
Season**



**Audition
Location to be
Determined**

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The Audition Process

1. **Complete the attached application and return it to the Bay Youth Orchestra Manager or call 757-618-1800 by June 1st, 2010**
2. Enclose a \$5.00 non-refundable application fee with the completed application made payable to: Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia.
3. Applications should be mailed to:
**Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia
P.O. Box 8158
Norfolk VA 23503**
4. **Orchestral excerpts for Symphony & Concert Orchestra** can be downloaded from www.bayyouth.org
5. Confirmation letters will be sent within 5 days after scheduling an audition, with assigned audition date, estimated time and additional information.
6. Auditions will be held at the
Location to be
Determined
at the assigned time.
7. Audition results will be mailed within 7 days.
8. For additional information, visit the Bay Youth Orchestras website:
www.bayyouth.org,
Email: **bayyouth@hotmail.com** or
call: **757.618.1800.**

About Bay Youth Orchestras

Over 260 student musicians from throughout Hampton Roads make up the five performing ensembles of the Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia. The ensembles present concerts in exciting venues like the Sandler Performers Arts Center, Roper Auditorium, and Chrysler Hall. Students from as far as Williamsburg, Yorktown and North Carolina, and as near as Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Hampton, and Norfolk attend weekly rehearsals during the school year on Monday evenings.

Under the direction and guidance of many supportive music educators over the past 30 years, Bay Youth Orchestras has developed into one of the largest youth orchestra programs in the United States. Bay Youth offers four levels of ensemble training and gives student musicians through age 21 the opportunity to learn and perform the world's greatest orchestral literature.

All members are strongly encouraged to participate in their school music program to be eligible for membership in the Bay Youth Orchestras program. Annual tuition for each ensemble is listed inside. Scholarships are available based on financial need. There is a refundable library deposit for each member ranging from \$10-\$25.

Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia is a 501c(3) non-profit organization and receives grant support from the arts commissions of Chesapeake, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach and the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Support is also received from individual contributors, foundation grants and area businesses.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Monday Evenings 6:30-9:00 p.m.

The Symphony Orchestra performs three to four programs per season under the direction of Ms.

Helen Martell, Music Director for the Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia. The Side-By-Side Concert with the Virginia Symphony is an opportunity to rehearse and perform alongside professional musicians under the direction of the Virginia Symphony's Assistant Conductor. The

Symphony Orchestra also offers regular sectional coaching with members of the Virginia Symphony. The annual Concerto Concert features selected soloist(s) from the Symphony Orchestra based on auditions held each fall.

Members must demonstrate proficiency on their instrument to meet the challenges of performing standard orchestral literature. Strings should be

able to play spiccato and martele, have a functional vibrato, and have a working knowledge of all of the positions. Winds and brass must be able to articulate clearly in a variety of tempos/styles and demonstrate a wide dynamic range with good tone production.

Private lessons are highly recommended

Audition Requirements

Strings, Woodwinds and Brass:

- 3-minute excerpt from a standard concerto or sonata
- Required orchestral excerpts

Strings:

- 3-octave scale of choice

Winds and Brass:

- All major scales – 2 octaves

Percussion:

- Two 2-minute excerpts from rudiment books on at least 2 of the following instruments: snare drum, timpani, xylophone (instruments to be provided)
- Required orchestral excerpt

Concert Orchestra

Monday Evenings 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The Concert Orchestra performs three to four programs per season under the direction of Mr. Todd Parrish. This orchestra offers advanced students the opportunity to perform in a full orchestra with strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. The emphasis is on advanced ensemble playing, rehearsal discipline, and raising students' musical expectations. Students should be able to perform level 4 and 5 music, have the motivation to improve musical skills, and demonstrate the discipline to participate in longer rehearsals. Private instruction is strongly recommended.

Audition Requirements

Strings, Woodwinds and Brass:

- 3-minute excerpt from level 4-5 solo or etude literature demonstrating level of ability
- All major scales (Brass & Woodwinds)
- violin, viola, cello – 3 octave of choice
bass: 2 octave
- Sight-reading supplied at the audition

Percussion:

- See percussion for Symphony Orchestra (except orchestral excerpt)

String Orchestra

Monday Evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The String Orchestra performs two to three programs per season under the direction of Christina Morton. Emphasis is placed on developing ensemble skills in a disciplined rehearsal atmosphere. Students should be able to perform grade 3-4 music, play in the keys of C, D, and G major; D and G minor, displaying solid position, good posture, and the ability to shift

into different positions. Seriousness of purpose and careful attention to correct bow and instrument hold are as important as music reading skills and tone production. Private instruction is strongly recommended.

Audition Requirements

- Two octave scale in the keys listed above will be requested
- Solo piece (grade 3-4) to demonstrate level of ability (no more than 3 min.)
- Sight-reading will be required

Junior String Orchestra

Monday Evenings 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The 2 Jr. Strings ensembles rehearse in Norfolk and Chesapeake on Monday evenings. The combined Junior Strings Orchestra performs on two concert programs each season, working under the direction of Christina Morton and Beth Argiro. The ensemble is specifically structured for students in grades 3-7, who have at least one full year of instrument study and have a good, basic understanding of how to play their instrument. Students should be familiar with all notes on all the strings in first position for the keys of G, D and C major.

Audition Requirements

- One-octave G, D and/or C major scale
- Sight-reading selection (provided at the audition)

www.bayyouth.org

AUDITION APPLICATION FOR 2010-2011 SEASON

Detach and Complete Application –Mail with \$5.00 non-refundable audition fee to:
Orchestra Manager, Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia
P.O. Box 8158, Norfolk, VA 23503

NAME _____ INSTRUMENT: _____
 ADDRESS _____ SCHOOL: _____
 CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER: _____
 PHONE NUMBER: _____ PRIVATE MUSIC TEACHER _____
 E-MAIL: _____

Bay Youth requires all members to participate in their school music program, if available.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

AUDITIONING FOR: (Specify Orchestra) _____ Jr. String _____ String _____ Concert _____ Symphony _____

Audition Date: June 5 June 7

Audition Time Preference: (Please circle) 10AM-12PM 1-4PM 5-6:30 PM 7-9PM