

COLORADO SPRINGS YOUTH SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION

GUIDELINES FOR ABSENTEE AUDITIONS

An absentee audition is allowed in circumstances where a musician cannot appear live for their audition. We are aware that in rare cases there are unavoidable conflicts. Live auditions are preferred whenever possible.

Please follow the guidelines below for submitting your absentee audition. Please notify us ahead of time that you will be submitting an absentee audition.

Specifications for video:

- If you are submitting a DVD, it needs to be a DVD R (not DVD RW or other DVD).
- If you are submitting a DVD, it is preferred that we are able to play it on a computer in the office for the judges. CHECK to insure that your DVD will run on a different computer than the one it was created on OR that it will run in a DVD player.
- We can no longer accept VHS tapes.
- If doing a YouTube video, you must send us the link via email so that we can open it. If this link requires a password, please be sure to include that information in the e-mail.

Other video requirements:

- Video must be received into our offices on or prior to your instrument's audition date. If there are multiple audition dates for your instrument, it needs to be received prior to the first audition date.
- Application form and \$10 fee must be submitted prior to the audition date. Applications and fee can be submitted at: csysa.com/audition-application (this page will redirect to the secure form submission page)
- Musician's full body must be visible in the audition.
- Audition selections should be performed in the correct sequence (see below).
- State your name and instrument at beginning of video.
- Introduce each selection.

Since the audition panel will not be able to control the audition or request scales and sight-reading, the following guidelines, which vary from a live audition, must be followed:

1. If you are a **brass or woodwind player**: play a chromatic scale from your lowest possible to highest possible note, one time slurring and a second time tonguing the notes.
2. **All instruments**: choose a scale of your choice to play.
3. **Percussionists** should choose a 2nd scale.
4. If you are a **string musician**: play a 2nd contrasting scale, i.e. if you selected a sharp scale for your first scale, then the 2nd scale should be a flat scale.
5. If you are a **string musician** hoping for a more advanced group placement: include a third scale which must be in a minor key. You should also prepare 2 minutes of a solo piece.
6. **All instruments** play selected excerpt(s).

Good Luck! You may be asked to perform a live audition and sight read at a later date.

Instructions for submitting DVD: You may bring the DVD into our office during office hours PRIOR to the date of the live auditions. Our address is 1702 N. Murray Boulevard (**do not** mail anything to this address). Office hours through May 4 are: 4 pm to 8:30 pm Monday-Wednesday and 10 am to 7 pm Thursday. The week of auditions, office hours will be 1 pm to 9 pm Monday-Friday. If you cannot stop by office, mail video to: CSYSA, PO Box 7846, Colorado Springs, CO 80933 in time to arrive prior to live audition date.

Instructions for submitting via YouTube link: Please e-mail us the link to office@csysa.com PRIOR to the date of the live audition. Write 'Absentee Audition Link' in the subject line.