



Information for May 8-13, 2017 Auditions

at Global Village Academy (CSYSA offices),
1702 N. Murray Blvd, Colorado Springs, 80915
Call to set up an audition time: 719-633-3901

AUDITION PREPARATIONS:

String Audition Requirements:

- 1 scale of the musician's choice from the lists below
- 1 scale of the judge's choice from the lists below
- Two audition excerpts
- Rhythm counting worksheet to be completed prior to the audition (example posted online)
- Sight reading
- To be considered for Ovation or Youth Symphony, prepare a two-minute maximum solo excerpt of your choice
- See additional instructions on excerpts page

Strings scales selected from the following:

Wolfgang: C, G, D Major - 1 octave
Amadeus: C, G, D, A, F Major - 1 octave
Allegro: C, G, D, A, F, B-flat Major and relative minor - 2 octaves
Vivace: C, G, D, A, F, B-flat Major and relative minor - 2 octaves
Ovation: C, G, D, A, F, B-flat, E-flat Major and relative minor - 3 octaves when possible
Youth Symphony: All majors and minors though 4 sharps and 4 flats - 3 octaves

Percussion Audition Requirements:

- 1 scale of musician's choice
- 1 scale of judge's choice
- Three audition excerpts at a tempo appropriate for you
- Rhythm counting worksheet to be completed prior to the audition (example posted online)
- Sight reading
- See additional instructions on excerpts page

Piano & Harp Audition Requirements:

- Positions for Youth Symphony only
- Solo piece of choice
- Full audition excerpt
- Scales and/or arpeggios
- Rhythm counting worksheet to be completed prior to the audition (example posted online)
- Sight reading
- See additional instructions on excerpts page

Woodwind & Brass Audition Requirements:

- Chromatic scale ascending & descending from your lowest possible note to your highest possible note at your fastest controlled speed, both slurred and tongued
- Two audition excerpts (if auditioning for Bravo! Winds, you need only select one audition excerpt)
- Rhythm counting worksheet to be completed prior to the audition (example posted online)
- Sight reading
- To be considered for the top three groups, prepare a two-minute maximum solo excerpt of your choice
- See additional instructions on excerpts page

Once you have scheduled your audition, please fill out the Audition Application form at:
csysa.com/audition-application

See other side for audition schedule and information about our groups

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The Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association, founded in 1980, is an internationally acclaimed non-profit organization that offers challenging and diverse musical experiences to develop young people as musicians and as leaders. Auditions are open to students who are prepared to make a commitment to the entire rehearsal and performance schedule, including tours and camps. Students are required/expected to participate in their school music program.

AUDITION SCHEDULE:

Current WG, AMA, ALG, VIV members and current OYO, YS strings players only - see attached instructions for auditioning

Brass

Fri, May 12, 2017, 4 PM - 8 PM
Sat, May 13, 2017, 9 AM - 2 PM

Clarinet/Saxophone

Fri, May 12, 2017, 4 PM - 8 PM
Sat, May 13, 2017, 9 AM - 2 PM

Double Reeds (oboe, English horn, bassoon)

Wed, May 10, 2017, 4 PM - 8 PM

Flute/Piccolo

Fri, May 12, 2017, 4 PM - 8 PM

Percussion (percussion, harp, piano)

Wed, May 10, 2017, 4 PM - 8 PM

Strings (New Auditioners)

Fri, May 12, 2017, 4 PM - 8 PM
Sat, May 13, 2017, 9 AM - 1 PM

There is a \$10 non-refundable audition fee payable at the time of audition. Plan on arriving at least 15-20 minutes prior to your audition in order to warm up. There will be a short rhythm counting sheet to complete prior to your audition.

NOTE: Throughout the year, if additional instrumentation is needed, individual auditions are available. Check with the CSYSA office for more information. Mid-year auditions for open positions are held in September and December.

For string musicians who are not quite ready for our auditioned groups, we offer a beginning strings program for students with little to no experience. Information can be found on our website under the Mozart String Project. Enrollment for this program will begin in August.

CSYSA GROUPS:

Colorado Springs Youth Symphony

Collegiate Level Full Orchestra
—Travels regionally and internationally alternating years. Will travel internationally in 2018.

Ovation Youth Orchestra

Advanced Full Orchestra
—Travels regionally and nationally alternating years. Will travel internationally in 2018.

Pikes Peak Wind Symphony

Advanced Band
—Travels regionally

Bravo! Wind Symphony

Intermediate Band
—Travels locally

Vivace String Orchestra

Level 4 String Orchestra
—Travels locally

Allegro String Orchestra

Level 3 String Orchestra
—Travels locally

Amadeus String Orchestra

Level 2 String Orchestra
—Travels locally

Wolfgang String Orchestra

Level 1 String Orchestra w/ some experience
—Does not travel

Note: Full orchestras consist of strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion.
Bands consist of woodwinds, brass and percussion.
String orchestras are strings only.

Audition excerpts are available at the following locations April 1:

~ Online at www.csysa.com

~ **CSYSA Offices**

1702 N. Murray

~ **Graner Music**

4460 Barnes Road

~ **Meeker Music**

Downtown: 624 N. Tejon

Woodmen Plaza: 3604 Hartsel Dr.

Fountain Valley: S. Hwy 85/87

COLORADO SPRINGS YOUTH SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION

2017-18 AUDITION INFORMATION

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CURRENT MEMBERS OF**** **WOLFGANG, AMADEUS, ALLEGRO, AND VIVACE STRINGS**

AUDITION DATES for current Wolfgang, Amadeus, Allegro, and Vivace Strings will be:

Monday, May 8
4:00 to 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 10
4:00 to 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 11
4:00 to 7:00 pm

AUDITION GUIDELINES for Wolfgang, Amadeus, Allegro, and Vivace Strings:

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

1 scale of musician's choice from the list provided
1 scale of the judge's choice from the list provided
2 audition excerpts
Sight reading
Rhythm counting worksheet

SCALES

Wolfgang – C G D major scales, 1 octave
Amadeus – C G D A F major scales, 1 octave
Allegro – C G D A F B-flat major and relative minors, 2 octaves
Vivace – C G D A F B-flat major and relative minors, 2 octaves

*To be considered for either Ovation Youth Orchestra or Youth Symphony, musicians in the string orchestras must pass the Vivace Strings Orchestra audition requirements.

* Judges will inform the musician who has passed the Vivace level immediately after the audition. The musician will then schedule a second audition time with the Audition volunteer or office staff for:
Saturday, May 13 between 2:00 and 4:00pm.

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CURRENT STRING PLAYERS IN**** **OVATION YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND YOUTH SYMPHONY**

AUDITION DATES for current Ovation and Youth Symphony strings will be:

Friday, May 12
4:00 to 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 13
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

AUDITION GUIDELINES for Ovation Youth Orchestra and Youth Symphony:

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

1 scale of musician's choice from the list provided
1 scale of the judge's choice from the list provided
Two audition excerpts
A two minute maximum solo excerpt of your choice
Sight reading
Rhythm counting worksheet

SCALES

Ovation – C G D A F Bflat Eflat Major and relative minors, 3 octaves when possible
Youth Symphony – all majors and minors through 4 sharps and 4 flats, 3 octaves

If you think you will pass the Vivace String Orchestra audition requirements, it is highly recommended that you prepare for both Vivace Strings **and** the next level before your first scheduled audition.



Questions? Please contact the office at:
719 633 3901 or email: office@csysa.com