



Springfield
Symphony
Youth
Orchestra

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Benefits of Membership in the SSYO

Youth Orchestra musicians and their families enjoy many benefits such as:

- Great repertoire
- Fellowship with other talented musicians
- Complimentary and discounted tickets to SSO concerts
- Concerto Competition
- Educational retreats or trips
- Sectionals, masterclasses, and coaching

FEES/TUITION

Audition Fee

\$35

Annual Tuition

\$450 - First family member

\$375 - Each additional family member

Early Bird Tuition

\$425 - First family member

\$350 - Each additional family member

2019-2020 SEASON

Join Us -
Positions
Available

Next Audition:
June 7, June 8





Membership in the youth orchestras is by audition on June 7 or June 8, 2019, or when seats are vacant. Entry is based solely upon proficiency and not age. Age limit: 19 by September 1, 2019. Limited financial aid is available through full or partial scholarships and/or student internships.

SPRINGFIELD YOUTH SINFONIA (SYS) INTERMEDIATE

- Two pieces, contrasting in style and tempo, demonstrating current level of development
- Sight Reading
- Major Scales: C, G, D, A, F, B \flat , E \flat
- *Violins* - 2 octave scales (all)
- *Violas* - 2 octave scales for C, G, D, F, E \flat ; 1 octave scale for A and B \flat
- *Cellos* - 2 octave scales for C, G, D, F, E \flat ; 1 octave scale for A and B \flat
- *Basses* - 1 octave scale (all)
- *Winds and Brass* - 2 octave major and 2 octave chromatic, as appropriate to instrument range
- *Percussion* - 1 octave major scale, must play a keyboard percussion instrument (i.e., bells, marimba, xylophone) and membranophone (i.e., snare, bass, and/or timpani)

SPRINGFIELD YOUTH ORCHESTRA (SYO) ADVANCED

- Two pieces, contrasting in style and tempo, demonstrating current level of development
- Sight Reading
- Major Scales: C, G, D, A, F, B \flat , E \flat
- *Strings* - 3 octave scales; violins and violas must demonstrate proficiency in upper register; Cellos must know tenor and thumb positions; Basses demonstrate 1/2 of 6th position
- *Winds and Brass* - 2 or 3 octave scales, as appropriate to instrument range, and 2 octave chromatic
- *Percussion* - 1 octave major scale, must play a keyboard percussion instrument (i.e., bells, marimba, xylophone) and membranophone (i.e., snare, bass, and/or timpani)

ORCHESTRAS

Founded in 1944, the Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestras (SSYO) are two orchestral ensembles for talented young musicians (to age 19) who hail from MA, CT, VT, and NH mentored by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra. The SSYO consists of the Springfield Youth Sinfonia (SYS), an introductory orchestra which develops ensemble skills, and the Springfield Youth Orchestra (SYO), an advanced orchestra that cultivates standard orchestra repertoire.

Rehearsals

The Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestras rehearse most Sunday evenings during the school year at Holyoke Community College. Through weekly and their own private lessons, musicians master challenging orchestral repertoire.

Musician's Responsibilities

In order to strive for and attain musical excellence in rehearsals and concerts each musician is expected to:

- Take private weekly lessons
- Practice diligently
- Maintain consistent attendance and punctuality at rehearsals
- Commit to full season participation
- Participate in school music programs (where offered)