

Johnstown Symphony Youth Orchestra

Guidelines

1. Auditions for the Youth Orchestra will be held annually at the beginning of the school year. All players will be auditioned and every seat in the orchestra is open. Orchestra members will be selected on the basis of their auditions.

Auditions for the 2009-2010 Season are for all instruments and will be held at Westmont High School on September 12, 2009 between 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. The JSO Office will confirm your appointment by mail upon receipt of your application. Note: Those unable to attend on this date due to a school function can be scheduled at a later time. Call the JSO Office for information.

The first rehearsal of the JSYO will be on Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 10:00 am to Noon at the Westmont High School.

2. Membership in the Youth Orchestra is open to players of orchestral instruments (strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion, no saxophones, guitars or baritone horns) from secondary school through twenty (20) years of age. Participation is based on the player's ability and rehearsal attendance.

3. Upon acceptance, the member agrees to comply with the rules and regulations of the orchestra. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in removal from the orchestra. Rules include:

a. Members are required to attend all rehearsals, concerts, school tours and special events. Rehearsals take place on Saturdays from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

b. A \$45.00 membership Fee should accompany this application. Fees for any student not passing the audition will be returned.

c. Orchestra members must be in their seats with their instruments fifteen minutes prior to the start of rehearsals. All orchestra members should have a pencil with them during rehearsals.

d. Assigned music is the responsibility of the student and must be returned in a timely manner and in good condition.

e. All members should bring a music stand and pencil to every rehearsal.

Please note that the JSYO will cooperate with members who have conflicts due to school events, especially during the traditional band season.

4. Those interested in membership with the JSYO must mail the attached application and membership fee to the JSO Office by September 4, 2009. Upon receipt of the application and fee, students will receive a postcard notifying them of their individual audition time.

5. Audition requirements:

-Prepared piece of applicant's choice, no more than 5 minutes in length

-Orchestra excerpt which will be provided at the audition

Questions? Contact the JSO Office at (814) 535-6738 or e-mail to info@johnstownsymphony.org

JSO Youth Orchestra Audition Application

Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parents' email address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Orchestra Instrument: _____

Email address: _____ Grade in School: _____

School: _____ Principal: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Music Teacher: _____

Private Music Teacher: _____ Years of Study: _____

Do you own your own instrument? _____

If you use a school instrument, will it be available for rehearsals and concerts? _____

Other Instruments you play: _____

Are you a member of your school Band/Band Front? ___ Orchestra? ___ Chorus? ___

Auditions will last approximately 10 minutes. You will be notified of the assigned time.

Please indicate your preference regarding the time on September 12 that you would like to audition: ___ Morning ___ Afternoon

We have read the rules and regulations of the new Johnstown Symphony Youth Orchestra and agree to abide therewith.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Send completed application to:
JSYO Auditions
Johnstown Symphony Orchestra
227 Franklin Street, Suite 304
Johnstown, PA 15901