

Youth Symphony Audition Requirements

Conducted by Danielle Johnson, this orchestra provides unique training in orchestral repertoire for advanced high school and college-age musicians up to the age of 21. All orchestral string, brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments are welcome. All instrumentalists should have commanding facility on their instrument.

Rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 9 pm.

Youth Symphony participants:

- Are advanced players with solid instrumental technique and good intonation
- Are familiar with all key signatures and time signatures
- Have had several years of ensemble experience
- Are a member of their school's instrumental music program

Skill Level:

- Orchestra music: Grade 5+
- Suzuki level (strings): Book 7 - 10
- Ages: 9th grade - age 21

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Strings

- a 3-octave scale based on the key of your solo
- a solo of your choice (about 2-3 minutes) that shows your highest level of technique on your instrument
- at the audition, you will be given a short excerpt to sight-read

Woodwind and Brass

- A 2-octave scale based on the key of your solo
- A chromatic 2-octave scale
- Be prepared to articulate your scales in various ways
- A solo of your choice (about 2-3 minutes) that shows your highest level of technique on your instrument
- At the audition, you will be given a short excerpt to sight-read

Percussion

- A solo on any 2 of the 3 following areas: timpani, keyboard percussion, or snare drum. Timpani and xylophone will be provided.

- Timpanists should be able to tune the timpani using relative pitch and demonstrate a proper forte-piano roll.
- Keyboard percussionists need to play a major and minor scale of the adjudicator's choice.
- Snare drum percussionists will be asked to demonstrate 2 of the 26 rudiments of the adjudicator's choice, slow to fast to slow.

The season will begin with a two-day intensive, in-house retreat at the Arvada Center with sectionals led by guest artists from The Colorado Symphony and free tickets to the CSO concert on Friday, 7/29.

Tuition: \$550 for the season

Summer Camp Tuition: \$200

Audition Fee: \$20

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August 2025 - April 2026