



2008 - 2009 AUDITIONS

The 41st season of the York Junior Symphony Orchestra auditions will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2008.

Please note that pre-registration will be a requirement for all musicians. Audition times will be PRE-ASSIGNED!

Go to www.yjso.org – Audition page – print out “YJSO Student Information Sheet” or call Joni Deatherage 751-7776 to receive form. Fill out Student Information Sheet and mail to:

Joni Deatherage
530 Gatehouse Lane W.
York, PA 17402

Audition times will be assigned upon receipt of the Student Information Sheet being received by mail. You will be mailed a confirmation card with a warm-up/audition time. The Student Information Sheet must be post-marked by Sept. 1st, 2008. Plan on arriving at least 15 minutes prior to your assigned warm-up time. If you miss your audition time you will be added to the end of the list of pre-assigned audition times. On the day of auditions, any student not pre-registered will be added to the end of the list of pre-registered times. For those students, please arrive at 9am to be assigned an audition time.

Please review membership rules on the YJSO website. They are strictly enforced. Additional information about YJSO can be found on the website.

Auditions are held at Penn State York Campus at 1031 Edgecomb Ave. York, PA. **There are openings in all sections of the orchestra.** Everyone must audition in order to be accepted into the orchestra. Members of the 2007-2008 orchestra are also required to audition. Membership and seat positions are not guaranteed to prior members. **If you have a conflict with this date and need to arrange for a taped audition, please contact Mrs. Kathleen Yeater at (717) 792-3127 before August 17, 2008 to set up an appointment.**

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:

Each participant must bring a prepared solo piece to play. Solos should not be etudes. Music for sight-reading will be provided by the YJSO. Scales for all instruments are C, G, D, A, F, B flat, and E flat. **Scales must be memorized.** Students are encouraged to play two octaves, where possible. Percussion must know the 26 Standard American drum rudiments and be able to demonstrate technique on bass drum, cymbals, and accessories. Mallet experience is a plus.

ORCHESTRA REQUIREMENTS:

Students must be in grades 5 through 8 or age 10 by Sept. 30th. It is recommended that students have ensemble training in school before auditioning for the York Junior Symphony Orchestra. All musicians **must** belong and be in good standing with their school orchestra/band. If no school orchestra/band exists, complete the letter of recommendation found on the website and forward the signed letter along with the Student Info. Sheet. Home-schooled musicians that do not play in a school orchestra or band must complete the letter of recommendation signed by their private teacher and forward it with the Student Info. Sheet. All letters of recommendation will be approved/denied by the conductor.

NEW FOR 2008-2009 SEASON – YJSO PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE!

4-7 member ensemble that will rehearse 5-6 times after orchestra rehearsal and perform during the Spring Concert

- Must be a member of YJSO, but can be playing another instrument besides percussion
- Accepted by a separate audition held after orchestra audition day
- Must have a private lesson teacher for percussion

Indicate on the Student Information Sheet that you want to audition for Percussion Ensemble under “Auditioning Instrument”

Contact Matt Fogleman for more information: mfoglema@ycp.edu or 717-843-4405

The YJSO rehearses Saturday mornings 9-11am at Penn State York Campus. Near perfect attendance is required. The first rehearsal is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 2008 from 9 to 11 am. All selected members will pay a membership fee. Every member must be represented by at least one parent at the first parent meeting which will be held during the first rehearsal. The schedule of rehearsal and concert dates will be distributed at the audition. **Each member is required to check with his or her school music department for schedule conflicts.** If no conflicts are reported after the first week, we will expect no conflicts exist.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE COPIES OF THIS LETTER TO DISTRIBUTE TO INTERESTED MUSICIANS.

If you have any questions, please call Joni Deatherage @ 751-7776 or Joni.Deatherage@comcast.net

YJSO WEBSITE www.yjso.org