



2011 -2012 York Junior Symphony Orchestra ONLINE AUDITION REGISTRATION PROCESS

The 44th season of the York Junior Symphony Orchestra auditions will be held on **Saturday, August 27th 2011**. All audition applications will be submitted online. Go to www.yjso.org – Audition page – Audition Application Form. Fill in the requested information and submit. You will receive a confirmation by email of your submitted application.

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

Audition times will be assigned upon receipt of the audition application. The Audition Application Form must be submitted by August 20th 2010. You will be emailed a warm-up/audition time in August. 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. Previous members of the 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 07, 2011 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. It is further recommended that students study privately with an instrumental specialist. 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 to Stacey Bear-YJSO 50 N. George St., York, PA 17401. 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 to Stacey Bear. All letters of recommendation will be approved/denied by the conductor.

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 10, 2011 from 9 to 11 am. All selected members will pay a tuition fee of \$135.00. Families with two or more members of YJSO will receive a discount. 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. Remember to check your email often for audition times, news and information—virtually all YJSO communication is done through email. Remember to add yjso@yorksymphony.org to your address book so we are not blocked as spam. If your email address changes don't forget to notify us. Attendance at Parent Meetings is mandatory. News and announcements will also appear on our homepage at www.yjso.org.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE COPIES OF THIS LETTER TO DISTRIBUTE TO INTERESTED MUSICIANS AND MUSIC INSTRUCTORS

If you have any questions, please contact:

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