



## CHATTANOOGA SYMPHONY & OPERA

# Youth Orchestras

### 2017-2018 SEASON INFORMATION

- ELIGIBILITY:** Student must successfully pass an audition each year. Student must be a member of his/her school instrumental music program, if provided. Wind and percussion students must be in band. String students must be in orchestra (if school has an orchestra). Non-participation in school instrumental music program requires approval from school band or orchestra director.
- AGE:** Musicians ages 12-19 at the time of audition are eligible for the Symphony (high school graduates, however, may not hold a principal chair). Musicians ages 10-19 at the time of audition are eligible for the Philharmonic (Letter of recommendation from music teacher is required for students ages 10-11). Musicians younger than 10 at the time of audition may audition only for Etude or Prelude.
- REHEARSALS:** Rehearsals are on Monday evenings during the school year at Chattanooga School for the Arts and Sciences (CSAS). For holidays and vacations, we follow the Hamilton County School schedule. Prelude rehearsals are 5:10 p.m. - 6:10 p.m., and Etude rehearsals are 6:35 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Symphony and Philharmonic rehearsals are 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- TUITION:** Symphony - \$300  
Philharmonic - \$250  
Etude - \$200  
Prelude - \$150
- Family Discount:** Families with two or more students enrolled in the CSOYO are eligible to receive a discount of \$50 per student after the first student has paid the regular tuition fee as shown above.
- Upon acceptance to the CSOYO, a non-refundable deposit (\$100 - applied toward tuition) is due to reserve a seat in the orchestra. All payments are non-refundable.
- ATTENDANCE:** Members are expected to attend all rehearsals and concert performances. Absences for illness, death in family, major religious observances, graded/required school functions, or other emergency circumstances will be evaluated and excused as applicable by the Manager.
- CONCERT ATTIRE:** No jewelry, grooming or attire that would be distracting is allowed, subject to the discretion of the CSOYO Board.
- Males - Black dress coat and black dress slacks with white dress shirt, black bow tie, black dress socks, and black dress shoes. Absolutely no tennis shoes, boots, headwear or leather clothing are allowed.
- Females - Black dress (dress must have sleeves and must be mid-calf or longer--no slits above the knee). Spaghetti straps, backless, sleeveless and sequin dresses are unacceptable concert attire. Black dress pants or skirts (no slits in skirt above the knee) and black blouses are acceptable. Black hosiery is required, even with dress pants, and black dress shoes (no tennis shoes, boots, flip-flops or open-toe shoes). No headwear or leather clothing is allowed.
- CONCERTS:** Each orchestra will have three regular season concerts. Other performances may be added for the CSOYO Symphony & Philharmonic. Chamber ensemble opportunities may be available based on audition results.