



CHATTANOOGA SYMPHONY & OPERA

Youth Orchestras

Dear Music Student,

The **Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Youth Orchestras** are announcing **auditions** for the **2017-2018** Season. The audition dates are **May 8, 9, and 11**. The audition times are **5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.** each evening, and you should be ready to audition 20 minutes prior to your scheduled time. The audition location is **First Baptist Church, 401 Gateway Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee (37402)**. Please enter through the church office entrance along Cameron Lane (facing the Blue Cross/Blue Shield complex).

The Audition Request form, Membership Application, and Audition Excerpts can be found on our website at <http://csoyo.chattanoogasympphony.org/>. ****NEW THIS YEAR – COMPLETE APPLICATION ONLINE!**

String players must audition for a specific orchestra based on your skill and experience (please consult with your teacher). Following is the skill level of each orchestra:

Prelude (strings only): 1-2 years of experience

Philharmonic (all instruments): intermediate level

Etude (strings only): 2-3 years of experience

Symphony (all instruments): advanced level

Requirements for Auditions:

Strings: If you are auditioning for the *Symphony*, you should prepare both the *Symphony* and the *Philharmonic* audition pieces. If auditioning for the *Philharmonic*, you should prepare both the *Philharmonic* and *Etude* audition pieces. If auditioning for the *Etude*, you should prepare both the *Etude* and the *Prelude* audition pieces. If auditioning for the *Prelude*, you need to prepare only the *Prelude* audition piece.

Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion: Prepare excerpts according to listed instrumentation. Percussion will be required to play three pieces – one for timpani, one for snare drum, and one for mallets; bring a copy of your chosen piece (see below) for the judge.

ALL STUDENTS: All students, regardless of instrument, are required to prepare and play a solo or etude of your choice and sight-read a piece. If you do not have solo or etude music literature, you may play an excerpt from school ensemble repertoire. *Students under the age of 12 may not audition for the Symphony. Students under the age of 10 may not audition for the Philharmonic (a letter of recommendation from a music teacher will be required of students ages 10-11).*

Any student wishing to audition must complete an online application. The \$20 audition fee must be paid before you can secure an audition time. If you are unable to complete the application online, you may mail a paper copy of the **completed application** (two pages), a **signed code of conduct**, an **audition request form**, and the **\$20** audition fee to **CSO Youth Orchestras, Attn: Auditions, 701 Broad Street, Suite 101, Chattanooga, TN 37402**. Make checks payable to **CSO Youth Orchestras**. The deadline to request an audition is **April 21, 2017**. **You will be responsible for checking our website for your scheduled audition time.** This information will be posted by May 2, 2017.

If you have any questions, please call the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Youth Orchestras office at 423-267-9011.

Sincerely,

Staci Spring
CSOYO Manager