



CHATTANOOGA SYMPHONY & OPERA

Youth Orchestras

Dear Music Teacher,

The **Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Youth Orchestras (CSOYO)** 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 students should be ready to audition 20 minutes prior to 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).

Enclosed please find an announcement to post on your bulletin board. Audition excerpts and application forms 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. Following is the skill level of each orchestra:

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

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

Philharmonic (all instruments): intermediate level

Symphony (all instruments): advanced level

Requirements for Auditions:

Strings: If students are auditioning for the *Symphony*, they should prepare both the *Symphony* and the *Philharmonic* audition pieces. If auditioning for the *Philharmonic*, they should prepare both the *Philharmonic* and *Etude* audition pieces. If auditioning for the *Etude*, they should prepare both the *Etude* and the *Prelude* audition pieces. If auditioning for the *Prelude*, they 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 xylophone.

ALL STUDENTS: All students, regardless of instrument, are required to prepare and play a solo or etude of their choice and sight-read a piece. If a student does not have solo or etude music literature, he/she 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).*

Please advise any student wishing to audition that he/she **must complete an online application. The \$20 audition fee must be paid before an audition time can be secured.** If for some reason they are unable to complete the application online, they 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.

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the CSO Youth Orchestras. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Youth Orchestras office at 423-267-9011.

Sincerely,

Staci Spring
CSOYO Manager