



Dear Music Teacher:

The **Chattanooga Symphony & Opera Youth Orchestras** are announcing **auditions** for the **2018-2019** Season.

AUDITION DATES: May 14, 15, and 17, 2018

AUDITION TIMES: Between 5:30 – 9:30 PM

AUDITION LOCATION: First Baptist Church, 401 Gateway Avenue, Chattanooga TN 37402

Enclosed please find an announcement to post on your bulletin board. Please share the following information with your students:

### **WHICH ORCHESTRA SHOULD I AUDITION FOR?**

The CSOYO has four orchestras. Students must audition for a specific orchestra based on their level of skill and experience. (Please consult with your teacher or director.) 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

*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).*

### **AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Completed Online Membership Application
2. Payment of \$20 Audition fee
3. Solo or Etude of your choice
4. Required excerpts by orchestra
5. Sight reading

### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

The Membership Application can be completed online at our website: <http://csoyo.chattanoogasymphony.org/auditions>. . If you are unable to complete the application online, you may mail a paper copy of the **completed application** (two pages), along with the **\$20** audition fee to **CSO Youth Orchestras, Attn: Auditions, 701 Broad Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402**. Applications must be received in our office by Friday, April 20, 2018.

### **AUDITION FEE:**

The \$20.00 audition fee can be paid online at our website: <http://csoyo.chattanoogasymphony.org/auditions> or a check can be mailed to **CSO Youth Orchestras, Attn: Auditions, 701 Broad Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402**. Audition Fees must be received in our office by Friday, April 20, 2018.

### **SOLO OR ETUDE OF YOUR CHOICE:**

All students, regardless of instrument, are required to prepare and play a solo or etude of your choice. If you do not have solo or etude music literature, you may play an excerpt from school ensemble repertoire.

**REQUIRED EXCERPTS BY ORCHESTRA:** all excerpts are available online at

<http://csoyo.chattanoogasymphony.org/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 and Brass: If you are auditioning for the Symphony, please prepare both the Symphony and the Philharmonic excerpts. If you are only auditioning for Philharmonic, please prepare only the Philharmonic excerpts.

Percussion: 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 for the judge.

**SIGHTREADING:**

Sightreading pieces will be available at auditions.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

Please submit membership applications and audition fees online or to the CSO Office by **Friday, April 20, 2018**. Once you have completed your application and submitted the \$20 audition fee, you will be invited to schedule an audition time online, starting in April of 2018. You will receive an email with further instructions regarding how to schedule your audition time then.

A calendar of the 2018-2019 CSOYO season will also be made available to you so that you can verify any scheduling conflicts that may prevent you from participating in the CSOYO prior to auditions. The CSOYO rehearses on Monday evenings during the school year and all rehearsals and concerts are mandatory.

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 & Opera Youth Orchestras office at 423-267-9011 or email at [csoyo@chattanoogasympphony.org](mailto:csoyo@chattanoogasympphony.org).

Sincerely,

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