**Youth Symphony Orchestra (YSO) Audition Requirements**

Each audition will last approximately 10 minutes and will include the following activities:

Strings, Winds and Brass Instruments

* One (1) sharp scale and one (1) flat scale each. Play 2-3 octaves, slurred eighth notes, at 60= the quarter note.
* Solo up to two (2) minutes in length (should demonstrate musician’s finest playing)
* Orchestral excerpt provided by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Youth Orchestras
  + Excerpts for each instrument can be found in the Youth Symphony Orchestra Audition Excerpts folder online.

Percussion and Tympani

* Solo up to two (2) minutes in length for mallets and/or snare (should demonstrate musician’s finest playing)
* Percussionists, please also prepare:
  + Snare drum 30” roll going from [pp – ff – pp]
  + Percussionists are encouraged to audition on both mallets and snare. For timpanists who also want to audition on percussion, please prepare solo and excerpt requirements for both.

Piano

* One (1) sharp scale and one (1) flat scale of 3 octaves using two hands. Play sixteenth notes at 60= quarter note.
* Solo up to two (2) minutes in length (should demonstrate musician’s finest playing)
* Orchestral excerpt provided by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Youth Orchestras
  + Excerpts for each instrument can be found in the Youth Symphony Orchestra Audition Excerpts folder online.

Harp

* Solo up to two (2) minutes in length (should demonstrate musician’s finest playing)
* One etude from standard harp literature
* Orchestral excerpt provided by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Youth Orchestras
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For answers to our most frequently asked questions, please download the Audition FAQs, or contact Troy Webdell, Director of Youth Orchestras, at [twebdell@fwphil.org](mailto:twebdell@fwphil.org)