

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

- One (1) sharp scale and one (1) flat scale each. Play 2-3 octaves, at 60= the quarter note. (Marimba or Xylo)
- Solo up to two (2) minutes in length for mallets, snare, or timpani (should demonstrate musician's finest playing)

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 (5) minutes in length (should demonstrate musician's finest playing)

Harp

- Solo up to two (2) minutes in length (should demonstrate musician's finest playing)
- One etude from standard harp literature

For answers to our most frequently asked questions, please download the Audition FAQs, or contact Troy Webdell, Conductor, at twebdell@fwphil.org