

Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon 2025-2026 Auditions

A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon (YSSO) provides training and performance experiences under the leadership of a professional conductor and professional musicians and fosters lifelong appreciation of classical music and the arts. The organization includes the *Youth Symphony* (advanced) and *Youth Orchestra* (intermediate). The *2025-2026 Concert Season* encompasses multi-performance Fall, Winter and Spring *Concert Series*, as well as *Community Outreach Concerts*, a *Concerto Competition* for current, eligible, advanced-level *Youth Symphony* musicians, and *Chamber Music Series* concerts.

Musicians may reserve an audition time by contacting the YSSO (541-858-8859 or info@yso.org) **beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2025**. Audition times are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. The audition schedule will be posted online when facilities are confirmed. *Certain days will be set aside for specific sections/instruments*. Musicians will be grouped by instrument each day. *All musicians are asked to bring a completed Musician Contact Information Form to the audition*. The form is on the reverse of this sheet (page 2 if viewing the PDF file online).

If selected, musicians will be placed in one of the ensembles. Musicians will be notified of audition results following the conclusion of all auditions.

Audition Requirements & Components

Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the scheduled audition time to check in and unpack. Each audition is 10 minutes.

- **3-MINUTE SOLO** (*all musicians/instruments*) All musicians must prepare a solo of no more than 3 minutes in duration. Musicians are encouraged to consult with a private or school music teacher to select a piece that best demonstrates technical proficiency, command of the instrument, and musicianship. The solo must be level-appropriate. More advanced musicians are encouraged to play music that demonstrates maximum technical and musical facility. Musicians intending to play first parts should be prepared to demonstrate facility in the higher register.
- **REQUIRED MUSIC EXCERPTS** (*all musicians/instruments*) Visit www.yso.org, click "Musicians & Parents" and select "Audition Information, Music Excerpts, Scales" to find the music excerpts (PDF files) and scale requirements. Be sure you prepare the correct excerpt(s) and scales (or scale options). *Youth Symphony* and *Youth Orchestra* music excerpts and scales are not the same.
- **SCALES** (*all musicians/instruments*) See the lists of excerpts for required scales (or options) for each instrument and orchestra.
- **SIGHT-READING** Musicians *may* be asked to play a selection of music they have not previously seen.

2025-2026 CONCERT SEASON SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

Community Outreach Concert

Thursday, October 30, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Rogue Valley Manor (for residents)

Fall 2025 Concert Series

Saturday, November 8, 2025, 7:30 p.m.
Oregon Center for the Arts Music Recital Hall at SOU, Ashland

Sunday, November 9, 2025, 3:00 p.m.
Craterian Theater at the Collier Center, Medford

Chamber Music Series

Sat., December 13 & Sun. December 14, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
Location To Be Announced

Concerto Competition

Monday, January 26, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Oregon Center for the Arts Music Recital Hall at SOU, Ashland

Community Outreach Concert

Thursday, February 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Rogue Valley Manor (for residents)

Winter 2026 Concert Series

Friday, February 27, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center, Grants Pass

Saturday, February 28, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Craterian Theater at the Collier Center, Medford

Sunday, March 1, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
Oregon Center for the Arts Music Recital Hall at SOU, Ashland

Community Outreach Concert

Thursday, May 7, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Rogue Valley Manor (for residents)

Spring 2026 Concert Series

Friday, May 15, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center, Grants Pass

Saturday, May 16, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Oregon Center for the Arts Music Recital Hall at SOU, Ashland

Sunday, May 17, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
Craterian Theater at the Collier Center, Medford

The required music excerpts and scales (or scale options) for each instrument and each orchestra are posted on the **YSSO Auditions Webpage** (<https://www.yso.org/musicians/auditions.shtml>). Copy and paste the URL into your browser or visit www.yso.org, select "Musicians & Parents" and click "Audition Information, Music Excerpts, Scales." Scroll down the page to find the list of excerpts for each instrument and each orchestra.

Print the full list of excerpts and scales for the *Youth Symphony* or for the *Youth Orchestra* to verify excerpts and scale requirements. *Youth Symphony* and *Youth Orchestra* excerpts and scales are not the same. Please be sure you are preparing the correct music excerpt(s) and scale(s).

Audition times are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Certain days are reserved for specific instruments/sections and musicians are grouped by instrument each day. Musicians/families may contact the YSSO beginning at **10:00 a.m. on August 21, 2025**, to reserve a 10-minute audition time.

Family members, teachers, friends and/or others will be asked to wait in an adjacent room during auditions. Teachers, family members, friends or others are also asked not to interact with adjudicators or YSSO staff during the audition. Also, please do not contact staff, adjudicators, or members of the governing board concerning audition results. Musicians will be notified of audition results upon completion of all auditions.

Upon notification of selection and placement, families/musicians should visit the website (www.yso.org), select "Musicians & Parents" and click "Registration" for registration information.

Please Note: Musicians are expected to participate in a school music program (band, orchestra, chamber orchestra, jazz ensemble, choir, other school music ensemble, etc.) during the school year, if the school offers music ensembles or other music program. School music program participation requires verification by a school music teacher.

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Musician Contact Information Form

Each musician is asked to bring a completed form to the audition. Be sure to include the title and composer of the solo. The contact information below will be used to communicate audition results.

Please provide at least one current e-mail address.

PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED

PLEASE PRINT THE FORM & COMPLETE BY HAND or SAVE THE PDF FILE TO YOUR COMPUTER, TYPE THE INFORMATION & PRINT THE COMPLETED FORM

Name of Musician: Age:

Name(s) of Parent(s):

Mailing Address: (street address) (city & state) (zip code)

Telephone (home): Telephone (cell):

E-mail (parent/family): E-mail (musician):

Primary Instrument: Other Instrument:

Solo Work: Composer:

For which ensemble(s) are you auditioning?: Youth Symphony Youth Orchestra

School: Grade in School:

School Music Teacher: Current Private Teacher:

School Music Ensemble or Class:

Other School/Community/Sports/Family Commitments in 2025-2026 (be specific; include days/dates/times):

Please Note:

Musicians will be notified of selection and placement decisions following the conclusion of all auditions.

The YSSO Music Director/Conductor confers/works with the adjudicators to determine selection and placement for the Youth Orchestra and the Youth Symphony. Out-of-the-area or local (depending upon instrument group) professional musicians/educators serve as adjudicators along with the Music Director/Conductor.

Family members, teachers, friends, and/or others will be asked to wait in an adjacent room or waiting area during Youth Orchestra and Youth Symphony auditions. In addition, teachers, family members, friends or others may not interact with the adjudicators or YSSO staff during or following the audition. Please do not contact YSSO staff, adjudicators, or members of the governing board concerning audition results.

Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon Staff Use Only

YSSO Ensemble:

Section: Placement:

Notes: