



**2019-2020**

**Viola**  
**Audition**  
**Packet**

# Orchestras

## YAO (“Young Artists Orchestra”)

YAO, the most advanced of our ensembles, performs four to six concerts annually, including one side-by-side concert with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. Concerts are performed at Boettcher Concert Hall and Gates Concert Hall at DU. Recent repertoire has included Dvorak *Symphony no. 9*, Brahms *Symphony no. 4*, and Stravinsky’s *Rite of Spring*.

Placement in YAO is determined by audition. Membership is open to musicians between the ages of 13-23 and is conducted by Wes Kenney. Composed of approximately 70 members, YAO rehearses Saturday mornings from 9:00am-12:30pm at the University of Denver’s Lamont School of Music (2344 E Iliff Ave, Denver) and they attend an overnight weekend retreat in September.

## CO (“Conservatory Orchestra”)

The Conservatory Orchestra is an advanced level ensemble for students who aspire to grow into YAO. The Conservatory Orchestra performs 3-4 concerts annually in conjunction with the String Ensemble. Performances may take place at Bethany Lutheran Church and Boettcher Concert Hall. Students receive occasional coachings throughout the season and attend an overnight retreat in September. Recent repertoire includes Brahms *Hungarian Dances* and Beethoven *Symphony no. 1*.

Placement in the Conservatory Orchestra is by audition. Membership is open to musicians between the ages of 10 and 18. Conservatory Orchestra rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Bethany Lutheran Church (4500 E Hampden Ave, Cherry Hills Village).

## SE (“String Ensemble”)

The String Ensemble gives young music students an opportunity to experience the great wealth of string orchestra literature. The ensemble is designed for those who are developing a facility in bowing techniques, reading music, and the use of vibrato. Composed of approximately 25 members, the String Ensemble performs 3-4 concerts in conjunction with the Conservatory Orchestra.

Placement in the String Ensemble is determined by audition and membership is open to musicians between the ages of 8 and 13. String Ensemble rehearses Monday evenings from 5:00pm-6:30pm at Bethany Lutheran Church (4500 E Hampden Ave, Cherry Hills Village).

# Audition Requirements

Candidates auditioning for membership in a Denver Young Artists Orchestra Association ensemble must prepare the following:

1. A solo piece or etude (excerpt) no longer than 1 minute that best demonstrates your highest level of musicianship and technique.

2. Orchestral excerpt(s) as defined below.

a. CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR THE **STRING ENSEMBLE**

Prepare the enclosed excerpts from:

- #1      Normal Dello Joio: Three Dances for String Orchestra**  
***and***  
**#2      Frackenpohl: Star Lake Suite**

b. CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR **THE CONSERVATORY ORCHESTRA**

Prepare the enclosed excerpts from:

- #1      Vaughan Williams: English Folk Song Suite**  
***and***  
**#2      Schubert: Symphony No. 8**

c. CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR **YAO**

Prepare the enclosed excerpts from:

- #1      Rossini: La Gazza Ladra**  
***and***  
**#2      Shostakovich: Symphony No. 5, mvmt. I**

**\*Note: if you are auditioning for more than one orchestra, please prepare the required excerpts for the higher level orchestra**

3. Scales

- Please prepare a scale from the enclosed materials appropriate to the orchestra for which you are auditioning

4. Possible sight-reading as determined by the audition committee.

The excerpts are meant to challenge your musicianship. Written below are a few suggestions to assist your audition preparation.

**1. Play the music in the right tempo:** If tempos are not indicated in your excerpts, please work with your teacher and listen to reputable orchestra recordings to determine the correct speed. Time after time our judges comment that candidates' tempi are unsteady and often *way too fast!* Judges are not listening to hear how fast you can play; rather, they are listening to see if you can play the piece correctly at an appropriate tempo. Rushing and dragging are things to avoid. Practice with a metronome and record yourself playing these excerpts to ensure accuracy.

2. **Play with dynamic contrast:** Often judges comment that candidates ignore dynamic markings, especially the softer end of the dynamic spectrum. Remember that music is more than rhythms and pitches: first and foremost music is sound. Sell your performance!

3. **Divisis and rests:** All players should learn **top** divisis/notes unless explicitly noted otherwise. Also, unless otherwise marked, long rests (more than two measures) should be played as unmeasured pauses in the audition.

SE  
#1

Choreography: Three Dances for String Orchestra, by Norman Dello Joio

VIOLA

$\text{♩} = 140$

arco

*mf*

10

*f*

*mf*

15

*f*

*ff*

*p*

20

*ff*

25

SE  
#2

Star Lake Suite, sarabande movement, by Frackenpohl

VIOLA

$\text{♩} = 75$

*mf*

**F**

*p*

**G**

*cresc.*

*mf*

# CO VAUGHAN WILLIAMS: ENGLISH FOLK SONG, Suite

Quarter = 73

14

23

*mf cantabile*

25

33

41

# CO SCHUBERT: Symphony No. 8

73

80

87

96

# YAO: ROSSINI "LA GAZZA LADRA"

*p* *Kl. Tr.* *p* *cresc. ed accel.* *ff*

64 *Allegro.* *pp legg.*

68

72

78 *Bb* *pp* *poco rit.*

84 *a tempo* *pp* *pp*

94 *pp* *p* *pp*

100 *V* *sempre stacc.* *V* *V*

105 *cresc.* *poco*

110 *a poco*

115 *C* *ff* *marc.* *sf* *sf*

122 *sf*

128 *f* *cresc.* *ff*

This is a page of a musical score for Rossini's opera 'La Gazza Ladra'. The score is written for a piano and a clarinet in B-flat. It consists of ten staves of music, numbered 64 to 128. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. Above the first staff, there are performance instructions: 'p' (piano), 'Kl. Tr.' (Clarinet in B-flat), 'p' (piano), 'cresc. ed accel.' (crescendo and acceleration), and 'ff' (fortissimo). The first staff begins with a bracketed section marked 'Allegro.' and 'pp legg.' (pianissimo, leggiero). The score includes several trills (tr.) and triplets (3). The dynamics range from pianissimo (pp) to fortissimo (ff). The tempo markings include 'Allegro.', 'a tempo', and 'poco rit.'. The key signature changes from one sharp to one flat (Bb) at measure 78. The score ends with a fortissimo (ff) dynamic and a crescendo (cresc.) marking.

(continue RASSINI)

136

141

146

*f* *cresc.*

*ff marc.*

*ff marc.*

YAO: SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 5, mvt. I

*p* *cresc.* *ff* *dim.* *ppp*

*p* *cresc.* *ff* *dim.* *ppp*

*p* *espress.*

16

17 12 18 3

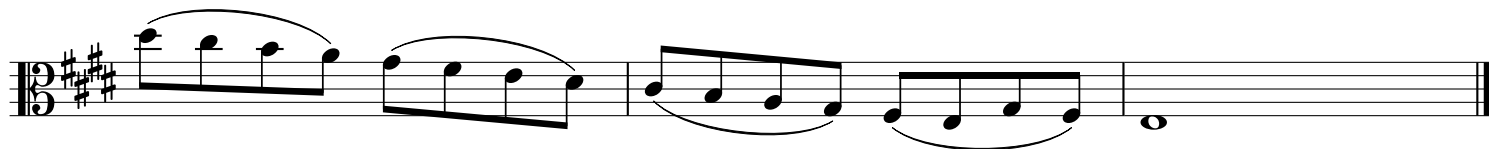
# YAO Viola Audition Scales

Choose 1 of the 2 major scales

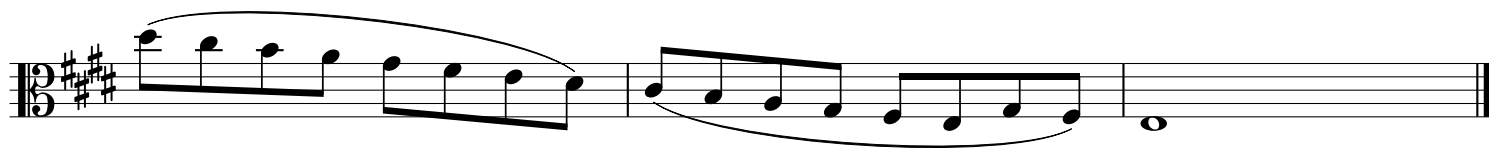
in addition to the D Melodic Minor scale

$\text{♩} = 100$

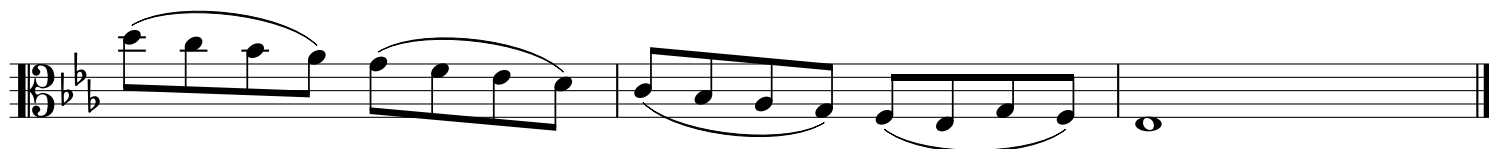
E Major



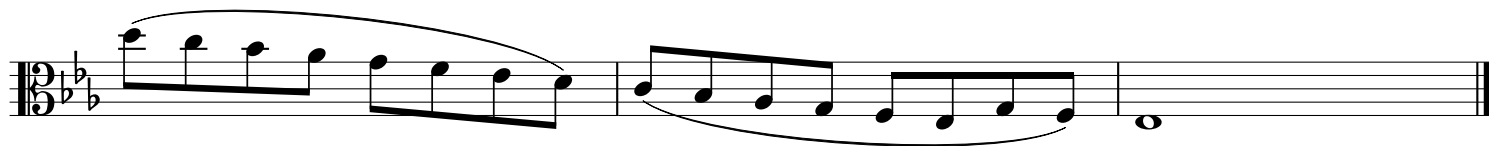
Alternate Bowing



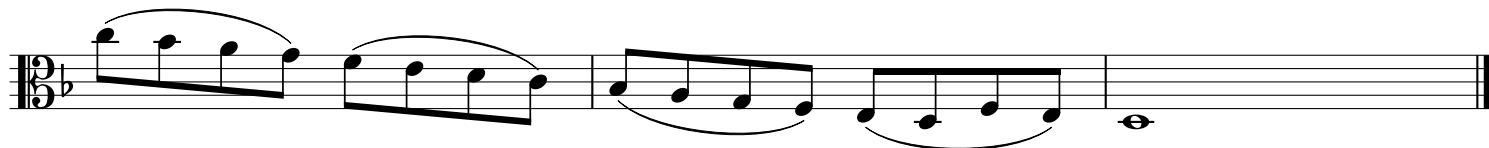
E $\flat$  Major



Alternate Bowing



D Melodic Minor



Alternate Bowing



Good luck on your audition!