



2023-2024

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Orchestras

Young Artists Orchestra (YAO)

YAO, the most advanced of our ensembles, is composed of approximately 70 members and performs four to six concerts annually, including one side-by-side concert with the Colorado Symphony. Concerts are performed in venues such as Boettcher Concert Hall and Gates Concert Hall at The Newman Center. Students receive occasional coachings throughout the season and attend a weekend retreat in September. Recent repertoire includes Tchaikovsky: Symphony no. 4, Bernstein: *Symphonic Dances from West Side Story*, Stravinsky: *Firebird* Suite, and Beethoven: Symphony No. 9.

Placement in YAO is determined by audition. Membership is open to musicians between the ages of 12 and 23. YAO rehearses Saturday mornings from 9:00am-12:30pm at the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music (2344 E Iliff Ave, Denver).

Conservatory Orchestra (CO)

The Conservatory Orchestra is an advanced level ensemble for students who aspire to grow musically towards YAO. The Conservatory Orchestra performs three to four concerts annually in conjunction with the String Ensemble. Concerts are performed in venues such as Gates Concert Hall at The Newman Center and Boettcher Concert Hall. Students receive occasional coachings throughout the season and attend a weekend retreat in September. Recent repertoire includes Smetana: *The Moldau*, Bizet: *L'Arlesienne* Suite no. 1, Arturo Márquez: *Conga del Fuego Nuevo*, and Copland: "Hoedown" from *Rodeo*.

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).

String Ensemble (SE)

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 three to four concerts in conjunction with the Conservatory Orchestra. Students receive occasional coachings throughout the season and attend a one-day retreat in September. Recent repertoire includes Vivaldi: Concerto for Strings RV121, Britten: Simple Symphony mvt. I, a world premiere by composer and violinist Joy Black, and music from *Moana*.

Placement in the String Ensemble is determined by audition. Membership is open to musicians between the ages of 7 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. **Scales:** One scale of your choice (played once tongued and once slurred).
2. **A one-minute excerpt of a solo piece or etude** showing your highest level of development both technically and musically.
3. **Orchestral excerpt(s)** as defined below.

- CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR **THE CONSERVATORY ORCHESTRA**

Prepare the enclosed excerpts from:

- **Rossini: Overture to *William Tell*, measure 226 to 242**
- **Beethoven: Leonore Overture no. 3, 21 after D to E**

- CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR THE **YOUNG ARTISTS ORCHESTRA**

Prepare the enclosed excerpts from:

- **Mahler: Symphony no. 3, mvt. III, 1 before reh. 14 to 3 after 15**
- **Tchaikovsky: Symphony no. 4, mvt. I, measure 7 to A**

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

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

The excerpts are meant to challenge your musicianship. 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. Frequently, 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. **Divisi and rests:** All players should learn **top** divisi/notes unless explicitly noted otherwise. Also, unless otherwise marked, long rests (more than two measures) should be played as unmeasured pauses in the audition.

Rossini: Overture to *William Tell*, measure 226 to 242

CO:

Beethoven: Leonore Overture no. 3, 21 after D to E
(skip long rest)

The image displays a musical score for Beethoven's Leonore Overture no. 3, measures 21 to 25. The score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a *ff* dynamic and a *Solo* marking, followed by a 4-measure rest. The second staff continues the melody with a *Tempo I* marking and a 16-measure rest. The third staff continues the melody with a *Solo* marking. The fourth staff begins with a *Tempo I* marking and a 70-measure rest, followed by a *p creso.* dynamic and a *ff* dynamic. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamics.

YAO:

Mahler: Symphony no. 3, mvt. III, 1 before reh. 14 to 3 after 15
(Flugelhorn in B-flat)

Flügelh. 14 **Sehr gemächlich.** (etwas langsamer wie früher.)
ppp (wie aus weiter Ferne.) Frei vorgetragen. (Wie die Weise eines Posthorns.)

portamento

Zeit lassen.

Zurückhaltend. verhallend 15 *a tempo* verklingend. 4

YAO:

Tchaikovsky: Symphony no. 4, mvt. I, measure 7 to A
(Trumpet in F)

