



Audition Information 2026-2027

Youth Orchestra Auditions will consist of the following:

Brief solo (approx. 1 minute) of your choice
Orchestra excerpts (provided by KSYO)
Sightreading and Scales

Scales

Scales will include all keys for major scales, and chromatic from lowest note to highest note.

Audition Preparation

Lessons. Seek lessons from your private teacher. Please notice that some excerpts may not have many (or any!) *extra markings* or *bowings*. Your private teacher can help you with those aspects, as well as give you valuable advice on how to successfully prepare for your audition!

Listen to at least three different recordings of your audition repertoire. Listening to recordings is an important step in preparation for an audition (the *more* recordings, the better). Also, it is helpful to PLAY a recording while you practice!

Tempo. Perform at the tempo indicated. If a tempo is not indicated, get a general sense of tempo from recordings, and from your orchestra director/band director/private lesson instructor.

Practice slowly, with a metronome. After several slow passes through the excerpts, start to play faster: 1/2 tempo, 3/4 tempo, then full tempo. Practice at speeds slower and faster than the tempi indicated.

Intonation. Keep listening, carefully, to your intonation while practicing.

Wind and Brass players: work with a tuner. If you do not have one, buy one! A tuner is an essential tool in becoming a better performer.

Musicianship. Be careful to observe accents, dynamics, accidentals, written instructions and other musical aspects notated on the music. Knowledge of additional performance practices and traditions are important as well.

Pay attention to all details in the music. Read the music carefully and don't take anything for granted. Play musically once technique is established.

Stravinsky: Petrouchka
Ballerina's Dance

69 in Sib.
Allegro. Solo. *mf*

70

Appassionato. Poco meno. rall.

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The image shows a musical score for the 'Ballerina's Dance' from Stravinsky's 'Petrouchka'. It consists of five staves of music in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score begins at measure 69, marked 'in Sib.' and 'Allegro.'. The first staff starts with a triplet of eighth notes, followed by a 'Solo.' section marked 'mf'. The music features rapid sixteenth-note passages and eighth-note patterns. Measure 70 is marked with a box containing the number 70. The piece concludes with a triplet of eighth notes, followed by a 'Poco meno.' section and a 'rall.' (ritardando) section, ending with a final note marked '1'.

Georges Bizet

Carmen Suite No. 1

TRANSPosed PART

TROMBA I in B $\flat$

Nº 1. Prélude.

(Prelude to Act I)

Andante moderato. (♩ = 58.)

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dim.

p *meno p* *cresc. molto* *ff* *attacca*