

Springfield Public Schools

SPRINGFIELD YOUTH SYMPHONY

Andy Johnston, Music Director & Conductor

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April 5, 2018

Dear Music Teacher:

The Springfield Youth Symphony is pleased to announce New Student Auditions for the 2018-19 school year. The auditions will take place in the Glendale High School Orchestra Room. Please find enclosed an audition announcement flier that may be posted in your music room as well as a list of specific audition requirements for each woodwind and brass instrument as well as for percussion. We would appreciate your help in duplicating this information and sharing it with any students whom you would recommend for the Springfield Youth Symphony.

Audition requirements:

Strings

- Major scales 4 sharps through 4 flats, memorized, three octaves required for violins, violas, cellos; two octaves required for double bass.
- Prepared piece—the judges might listen to a two minute excerpt.
- Sightreading

Woodwinds, brass, percussion

- Chromatic scale the full range of the instrument, ascending and descending
- Major scales 4 sharps through 4 flats, memorized
- Prepared piece (solo)
- Sightreading

**To schedule an audition appointment, students should call Vicki Williams at:
(417) 523-5530**

Thank you for your kind attention and for your support of the Springfield Youth Symphony.

Sincerely,



Andy Johnston

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ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR 2018-2019

May 14, 15, & 17

The Springfield Youth Symphony will hold auditions for the 2018-2019 season on the following dates:

Monday, May 14	4:30-9:00 p.m.	Glendale HS
Tuesday, May 15	4:30-9:00 p.m.	Glendale HS
Wednesday, May 17	4:30-9:00 p.m.	Glendale HS

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

I. STRINGS:

1. Solo excerpt (unaccompanied) or technical etude of applicant's choice
2. Requested major scales through four flats and four sharps, three octaves required, two octaves for double bass (FROM MEMORY)
3. Sightreading of the judges' choice

II. WOODWINDS, BRASS, PERCUSSION

1. Major scales through five flats and five sharps (all ww, brass, and mallet perc.)
2. Chromatic scale covering the full range of the instrument (all ww., brass, and mallet perc.)
3. Solo excerpt (unaccompanied) or technical etude of applicant's choice
4. Sightreading of the judges' choice

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

1. Student MUST be an enrolled member in good standing with his/her school music organization, respective of instrument (orchestra for strings, band for winds).
2. Student MUST be a minimum of 14 years of age as of August 31, 2018, and MUST be in 9th grade or above.
3. Student must have approval of the school music director.
4. Youth Symphony Members must be studying their orchestral instruments privately each week.
5. Members must be present for all rehearsals, concerts and other activities unless excused, in advance, by the music director.
6. Springfield Public School District residents participate for free. Non-Springfield Public School District residents pay a \$125 fee.

REHEARSALS:

The Springfield Youth Symphony rehearses at Glendale High School on each Monday evening (6:30-9:00PM) during the school year.

VACANCIES:

STUDENTS WHO PLAY ONE OF THE ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS LISTED BELOW ARE INVITED TO AUDITION

Flute • Oboe	Horn • Trumpet • Trombone • Tuba	Violin • Viola
Clarinet • Bassoon	Percussion • Harp	Cello • Bass

EXPECTATIONS: If accepted for membership, you and your parents will be expected to agree to the commitment of considerable time and this fact should be carefully considered. Springfield Youth Symphony members hold high expectations of each other, and the group is expected by the community to produce at a high level of proficiency. Practice time OUTSIDE of rehearsal is required, and sightreading literature at rehearsal is not appropriate after the first rehearsal. In other words, parts must be learned!

HISTORY AND SPONSORSHIP OF THE SPRINGFIELD YOUTH SYMPHONY

The Springfield Youth Symphony is sponsored financially by the Springfield Public Schools and supported by a parent booster organization. Since its founding in 1957, the Springfield Youth Symphony has provided outstanding young musicians with an opportunity to study and perform the standard orchestral repertoire. Members range in age from 14 to 18 and are auditioned from the Springfield Public Schools and the surrounding communities.

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