

Dear Prospective Youth Orchestra Students and Parents,

We are excited to announce that the Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra will be returning again this spring.



The Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra, an educational outreach program of the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, is designed to supplement private and public school band and orchestra programs and homeschoolers by providing a Youth Symphony experience consisting of four groups.

- **Concert Strings** - for middle school or younger string players with 1+ years of experience.
 - *Rehearsal Monday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30pm*
- **Encore Strings** - for more advanced middle school string players.
 - *Rehearsal Monday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30pm*
- **LMYO Winds** - for middle school brass, woodwind, and percussion players with 2-4 years of experience.
 - *Rehearsal Monday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30pm*
- **Youth Symphony** - for high school and college level strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion.
 - *Rehearsal Monday evenings from 6:00 – 8:30pm*

We are encouraging everyone to register online. The QR code at the bottom of this letter will take you to our [registration form](#).

We are offering both video and in-person auditions. All students desiring to join a new group will need to audition in person or submit a video audition. Learn about **audition requirements** for your instrument [here](#). Call the SMSO office to schedule an in-person audition on **February 13** or submit a link to your video audition by **February 13** using [this form](#).

In-Person Auditions	Monday, February 13, 2023	6-8 pm, Upton Middle School
First Rehearsal	Monday, February 27, 2023	6pm, Upton Middle School
No Rehearsal	Monday, March 20, 2023	Spring Break
Side-by-Side Concert	Sunday, April 30, 2023	4pm, HPAC Andrews University
Spring Concert	Sunday, May 14, 2023	3pm, HPAC Andrews University

The registration fee for the semester is **\$105** and **\$65** for additional students of the same family. An optional \$10 T-shirt is available for \$10. **A \$10 late fee will be charged after the March 6th rehearsal.** The registration fee covers ALL aspects of the program and entitles each student to a free pass to all SMSO Mendel Mainstage concerts.

A limited number of need-based scholarships for registration fees are available through the SMSO office. These scholarships require student assistance with LMYO organizational tasks 15 minutes before and after rehearsals.

We hope you will consider joining this outstanding organization!

Sincerely,

Burke Lokey

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Submit your Audition
Video here!



Audition Requirements for 2022-23 Season

Deadline: In-person on February 13 or virtual between Feb. 1-13.
Auditions should include scale requirements and short a solo work of 3-6 minutes, no accompaniment needed. Please fill out [this Google form](#) or scan the QR code to submit a video link.



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YOUTH SYMPHONY STRING SCALES (Students auditioning for **Concert/Encore Strings** should prepare **1-octave C, G or D major** scales. Students auditioning for **Youth Symphony** should prepare at least 2-octaves of the scales listed below.)

Instrument	Major Scale	Minor Scale
Violin	B Flat Major	A melodic minor
Viola	E Flat Major	D melodic minor
Cello	E Flat Major	D melodic minor
Double Bass	F Major	E melodic minor

YOUTH SYMPHONY WINDS & BRASS SCALES (LMYO Winds may choose any 1 octave scale to play.)

Instrument	Major Scales	Chromatic Scale
Flute	E _b (2 octave); F (1 octave)	B _b (1 octave)
Oboe	E _b (1 octave); C (2 octave)	B _b (1 octave)
Bassoon	B _b (2 octave); F (1 octave)	B _b (1 octave)
Clarinet/Bass Clarinet	F (2 octave); C (2 octave)	C (1 octave)
Saxophone (Alto, Tenor, Bari)	C (2 octave); F (1 octave)	G (1 octave)
Trumpet	G (2 octave); F (1 octave)	C (1 octave)
Horn	C (1 octave); G (2 octave)	F (1 octave)
Trombone/Euphonium/Tuba	F (2 octave); E _b (1 octave)	B _b (1 octave)

PERCUSSION

Identify all percussion instruments you play. Play a short solo or excerpt on each instrument for which you wish to audition. Please also be prepared to play a short piece on snare drum.

RECORDING TIPS:

You can make a quality recording with your phone. Please record your audition so that we can see your face and entire instrument. Try to avoid back lit environments, be sure to preview your video before you upload it. Please email forrest@smsso.org with any questions.