

Youth Orchestra Program New Student Audition Guidelines: Spring 2021

An entrance audition is required for all students wishing to participate in the following YOP ensembles:

- Richmond Symphony Youth Orchestra (RSYO)
- Youth Concert Orchestra (YCO)
- Camerata Strings (CS)

Students may only audition for one ensemble.

Audition Process:

1. Please fill out the Google form [HERE](#) to submit your contact information.
2. Sign up for your audition time slot [HERE](#) using Sign-up Genius **no later than January 22, 2021.**
 - A “live” audition will take place on Zoom, in real time, on **January 26, 2021.**
The live virtual audition will include the following:
 1. Appropriate scales for your level of accomplishment
 - Please click [HERE](#) for specific scale requirements for each instrument. **Note: this link is valid for scale requirements only. Please see below for repertoire requirements. Orchestral excerpts are not required for this audition.**
 2. A short sight-reading excerpt.
3. Submit a recording of two (2) contrasting pieces, totaling no more than 5 minutes.
 - Please fill out the Google form [HERE](#) to submit your recordings **no later than January 22, 2021.**
 - Please record each individual piece in one take, with no audio splicing/editing. You may record each piece separately if you wish.
 - If your pieces are longer than 5 minutes, you may make cuts as needed.
 - You may play two contrasting excerpts of one longer piece (i.e., two separate movements of the same sonata), as long as they show a variety in style, technique, and musicality.
 - If you are unsure whether your repertoire will be suitable for your audition, please email Jennifer Tobin, Youth Orchestra Manager, at jtobin@richmondsymphony.com no later than January 22nd.
4. Attend your live audition at your predetermined time slot (see item #2 for more details).

Feel free to reach out to Jennifer Tobin, Youth Orchestra Manager, with any questions:
jtobin@richmondsymphony.com

Remember: we look for musical potential, not perfection. Do your best and know that we are so excited to welcome you to our YOP family!