

More about Omaha Area Youth Orchestras' ensembles

Youth Symphony (YS)

Repertoire? YS performs highlights from the standard orchestral repertoire, as well as music by both living and historically underperformed composers.

Who should audition? Advanced high school-aged musicians who demonstrate the full range of abilities specific to their instrument.

Additional information: Learning transposition and playing in multiple clefs as appropriate for the instrument. Audition requirements include scales and a solo. Please visit oayo.org for specific requirements. Wind and brass players may be asked to learn an additional short excerpt, following their initial audition.

When are rehearsals? Sundays for 2.5 hours. *Season runs from September through May.*

Where are rehearsals? Strauss Performing Arts Center on the UNO campus.

Youth Philharmonic (YP)

Repertoire? YP performs unabridged standard orchestral repertoire, music by both living and historically underperformed composers, as well as advanced level arrangements with a focus on refining orchestral technique.

Who should audition? Musicians in grades 5-12 who demonstrate an expanded set of abilities on their instrument.

Additional information: Appropriate instruments should be open to learning transposition and playing in multiple clefs. Audition requirements include scales and a solo. Please visit oayo.org for specific requirements. Wind and brass players may be asked to learn an additional short excerpt, following their initial audition.

When are rehearsals? Sundays for 2 hours. *Season runs from September through March.*

Where are rehearsals? Strauss Performing Arts Center on the UNO campus.

Youth Concert Strings (YCS)

Repertoire? YCS is an intermediate level string orchestra - an energetic and nurturing introduction to ensemble performance.

Who should audition? Talented string musicians in grades 3-8. Strings-only ensemble.

Additional information: Audition requirements include scales and a 1-2 minute solo. Please visit oayo.org for specific requirements.

When are rehearsals? Sundays for 1 hour 45 minutes. *Season runs from September through March.*

Where are rehearsals? Strauss Performing Arts Center on the UNO campus.

Chamber Music Ensembles (CME)

Repertoire? A chamber music ensemble is a small ensemble without a conductor where each musician plays an individual part, usually consisting of three to six musicians.

Who should audition? YS, YP, and YCS all have a chamber music ensemble option. It is an additional commitment to YS, YP, and YCS membership.

Additional information: No audition required, but interest should be indicated when registering for an audition

When are rehearsals? CME rehearsals are 1 hour and take place either before or after YS, YP, or YCS rehearsals.

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through challenging musical skill-building.

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