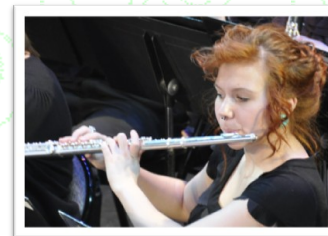


How to Become a Member

Auditions for placement with one of the three orchestras are held in May and September. All new and returning players must audition each year.

ORCHESTRA	RECOMMENDED LEVEL		
	School Grade	Playing Level	Previous Experience
Youth Strings (YS)	3 – 7	Book 3 Suzuki – Grade 5 RCM	0 – 3 years YS
Youth Concert (YC)	7 – 10	Grade 6+ RCM	2 – 3 years YS / Band
Youth Symphony	10+	Grade 9+ RCM	2 – 3 years YC

For more information about auditions and registration fees please visit our website at <http://winnipegouthorchestras.ca>



The Winnipeg Youth Orchestras Inc. is dedicated to promoting and maintaining the youth orchestra movement in Manitoba, and providing young orchestra players with the opportunity to come together in an atmosphere of friendship and good fellowship to experience and participate in orchestra playing of the highest order.



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About the WYO

The Winnipeg Youth Orchestras (WYO) is the oldest youth orchestra organization in Canada. Having seen remarkable growth since its creation in 1923, the WYO now regroups more than 150 musicians between the ages of 8 and 21 years old. These young musicians come from every part of Winnipeg and several outlying regions of the province.

The WYO provides its members with a solid orchestral foundation and gives aspiring, young musicians an opportunity to develop and showcase their talent. Under the instruction of qualified, professional conductors and musicians, WYO members quickly become enthusiastic about orchestral playing and have fun in the process!

In past years, the orchestras have given concerts in Winnipeg, different parts of Manitoba and the United States. The orchestras have also had the opportunity to perform in collaboration with the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Minneapolis Youth Orchestra, the Hamilton Youth Orchestra and the Philharmonic Choir.

The Orchestras

The WYO is comprised of three distinct orchestras allowing youth of varying age and skill level to participate.

Youth Strings

This beginner level string orchestra introduces young violinists, violists, cellists and bassists to the basics of orchestral playing. One of the many highlights Youth Strings members can look forward to is a weekend at camp where orchestral skills and friendships are formed.

Youth Concert Orchestra

This intermediate level orchestra incorporates strings, brass, winds and percussion allowing its members to further their orchestral training.

Youth Symphony Orchestra

This full symphonic orchestra brings talented musicians together and lets them appreciate and be inspired by advanced orchestral music.

All three youth orchestras rehearse every Saturday morning or afternoon, from September to May.

Annual Events

Holiday Concert

The Holiday Concert allows the orchestras to perform the repertoire learned throughout the first portion of the season in front of friends, family and fans!

Scholarship Competition

This adjudicated competition, held mid-season, is an excellent performance opportunity for all WYO members. Competitors perform a piece, at the appropriate level, for two experienced adjudicators giving them a chance to win an award.

Sounds of Spring

This annual concert brings the season to a close and gives the musicians from all three orchestras the opportunity to perform on stage at the Centennial Concert Hall in Winnipeg.

In addition to these annual events, each orchestra is regularly given unique opportunities such as participating in performance tours, travelling and connecting with other orchestras. Special events vary from year to year.

