

GREATER BALTIMORE YOUTH ORCHESTRAS AUDITION INFORMATION

1. Auditions will be held during June 2008 for the 2008-2009 season. Other times may also be scheduled. Each audition lasts approximately 12 minutes.
2. For musicians who have not previously been members of a GBYO Association orchestra, a \$25 Application Fee is required before an audition time will be assigned. Checks should be made payable to "GBYO." (See Application Form.)
3. All application and audition materials may be downloaded from the website, www.gbyo.com. **Orchestral excerpts will be available for download by April 30, 2008.** Students and teachers may receive **paper copies** of all materials by mail by calling the GBYOA office at 410-617-1524.
4. Winds, brass, and percussion students may audition only for the Youth Orchestra. String players may audition for either orchestra and should prepare the set of excerpts that appear to be most appropriate for their current level of development. String students who audition for the Youth Orchestra may be placed in either orchestra at the discretion of the GBYO Association's Artistic Staff. Please contact the GBYOA at 410-617-1524 with any questions about the orchestras.
5. Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled audition time. Warm-up rooms will be available.
6. Auditions are held in two locations: Loyola College's Graduate Center in Timonium (where the orchestras rehearse) and the DiChiaro College Center on Loyola's Main Campus in Baltimore. The date for which you are scheduled determines at which location your audition will be. Directions to the both locations are available on the "Auditions" page of www.gbyo.com.
7. Please bring at least one copy (two, if possible) of your selected solo for the GBYOA staff.
8. Audition results will be mailed to students by June 30, 2008.
9. We suggest that students and parents refer to the GBYOA web site at www.gbyo.com for more information about the Association's programs. Other inquiries may be made via mail, email or telephone.
10. The GBYOA orchestras rehearse on Sunday afternoons from September through early June at Loyola College's Graduate Center in Timonium. The Youth Orchestra rehearses from 4-7 p.m., and the Concert Strings rehearse from 5-7 p.m. Other events are scheduled at other times.
11. In order to make the most out of the experience, it is expected that each student will take private lessons on their instrument and participate in a school music program if one is available. The GBYOA orchestras are one important part of this three-part musical education.
12. There is an annual tuition to participate in GBYO Association. (Tuition fees are set in mid-July and will be posted on the website.) If this presents a financial difficulty for any family, some financial assistance is available. Please contact the GBYO office at 410-617-1524 to discuss any financial concerns. *The GBYO Association does not wish any student to be prevented from participating for financial reasons.* Families in which more than one sibling participates may also receive financial assistance.
13. All GBYOA opportunities are provided to students without regard to race, cultural background, gender, or creed.