

# Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras 2018-2019 Policy Handbook

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## Mission and History

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The Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras Program (WSYO) brings classical music to life for young people in south central Kansas. This program is a key educational outreach arm of the Wichita Symphony and shares in its mission to enrich, educate, and entertain diverse audiences of all ages in our region through performances of orchestral music, thereby enhancing the vibrancy and vitality of Wichita.

Founded in 1947, WSYO's Youth Symphony is a charter member of the Youth Symphony Orchestra Division of the League of American Orchestras. Today, WSYO is made up of four ensembles that serve over 250 students from 22 cities and towns in Kansas and Oklahoma. WSYO ensembles include the Youth Symphony, Repertory Orchestra, Youth Chamber Players, and Youth Wind Ensemble.

*Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras activities  
are made possible with the generous support provided by:*

### **The Sam & Rie Bloomfield Foundation**



# WSYO Staff

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## CONDUCTORS

**DR. MARK LAYCOCK** *WSYO Program Director, Youth Symphony Conductor  
Fred and Mary Koch Foundation Endowed Chair*

Conductor of the Wichita Youth Symphony and Director of the Wichita Youth Orchestras Program, Dr. Mark Laycock is a Professor of Music at Wichita State University; he holds the Ann Walenta Faculty of Distinction Endowed Professorship and serves as Director of Orchestras and Coordinator of Strings. He has been recognized with the WSU Excellence in Creative Activity Award and the College of Fine Arts Excellence in Teaching Award. Dr. Laycock is a member of the Board of Directors of the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic; he serves as Chair of Orchestra Activities. His work as guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator spans 29 states; he has conducted all-state, region, and district orchestras throughout the country. Recent overseas activity includes serving as a Keynote Presenter for the Australian Strings Association National Conference in Perth and Chief Adjudicator for the Victorian School Music Festival in Melbourne. Dr. Laycock has presented clinic sessions for numerous state education conferences, as well as the American String Teachers Association National Conference, the Northwest and Northeast Division Conventions of the National Association for Music Education, and the Midwest Clinic.

**DR. WESLEY DESPAIN** *Repertory Orchestra Conductor  
Delmar and Mary Klocke Endowed Chair*

Dr. DeSpain serves as the Director of High School and Middle School Orchestras for the Derby Public Schools and conducts the Delano Chamber Orchestra in Wichita, KS. He is a former member of the Wichita Symphony and a WSYO alum. Dr. DeSpain served as Chair of Kansas Music Educators Association All-State Orchestra from 2015-2017.

**ERIC CRAWFORD** *Youth Chamber Players Conductor*

Mr. Crawford is Director of Orchestras at Wichita High School East and is the Orchestra Curriculum Coach for USD 259. He has played with the Wichita Symphony for 19 seasons. The recipient of numerous awards including the Wichita Arts Council's Burton Pell Award and the Wichita Symphony's Sevart Award, he served as President of the Kansas String Teacher's Association from 2013-2015. He is the current President of the Wichita Musician's Association.

## **DR. TIMOTHY SHADE** *Youth Wind Ensemble Conductor*

New to the WSYO faculty this year, Dr. Timothy Shade is the Director of Bands at Wichita State University. Previous appointments include Music Director and Principal Conductor of the Alhambra Orchestra (FL), Visiting Director of Orchestras at Florida Atlantic University, and Director of Instrumental Music at Bethel College (KS). Equally comfortable in the orchestral and wind realms, Shade has worked with Greater Miami Symphonic Band, The New River Orchestra, The Naples Philharmonic, The Frost Wind Ensemble, The Florida Youth Symphony, The Wichita Wind Ensemble, The Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra, and the Delano Chamber Orchestra.

## **COACHES**

### **Youth Symphony and Repertory Orchestra**

Valerie Sullivan, violin

Emily Bishop, violin

Joey Menninga, viola

Seth Girton, cello

Renea Abdallah, double bass

Dr. Carmen Lemoine, woodwinds

Dr. Jeb Wallace, brass

Andrew Slater, percussion

### **Youth Chamber Players**

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# Meet the Ensembles

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## **YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Founded in 1947, the Youth Symphony is recognized as the foremost youth orchestra in central Kansas and features top student musicians from throughout central Kansas and northern Oklahoma. Members perform a wide variety of standard and emerging orchestral masterpieces, including full symphonies and works by living composers. The Youth Symphony performs two concerts at Century II Concert Hall each season. Members meet in regular sectionals with professional community musicians and members of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra. The Youth Symphony is open to students entering grades seven through twelve.

## **YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE**

This is the flagship year for the Youth Wind Ensemble! The Wind Ensemble is comprised of a small group of elite wind, brass, and percussion players, and focuses on a “one-to-a-part” model. Repertoire performed by the Wind Ensemble is drawn from the pillars of the wind band literature, as well as newer works by living composers.

## **REPERTORY ORCHESTRA**

Serving as the largest WSYO orchestra, the Repertory Orchestra provides members with the opportunity to perform orchestral masterpieces and contemporary music. This intermediate orchestra prepares its members for musical participation in the Youth Symphony, and members also meet in regular sectionals with professional community musicians and members of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra. They perform two concerts at Century II Concert Hall each season. The Repertory Orchestra is open to students entering grades seven through twelve.

## **YOUTH CHAMBER PLAYERS**

Our youngest orchestra, the Youth Chamber Players is WSYO’s only string orchestra, and it prepares young musicians to advance into the Repertory Orchestra and Youth Symphony as they grow and develop their skills. Members improve individual playing technique, develop ensemble skills, and gain valuable performing experience. They perform two concerts at Century II Concert Hall each season. The Youth Chamber Players is open to students entering grades four through ten.

# Membership Requirements

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- Membership is by audition only (see the Membership Audition Policy p. 13) and, as a member, **you must maintain active membership in your school's band or orchestra program on the instrument you are playing in WSYO.**
- WSYO members must have the recommendation of your orchestra and/or band instructor. Exceptions are made for students from schools that have no orchestra or band program. Those students must be recommended by their school official and their private teacher, and must remain active in private lessons throughout the school year.
- **Dropping out of the school orchestra or band program at any time means forfeiture of WSYO membership.**

## Behavior & Conduct

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### FOR WSYO MEMBERS:

#### *Be Present*

- Attend all rehearsals and performances (see Attendance Policies on pp. 9-11 for complete details).
- Turn off and put away cell phones during rehearsals, sectionals, and performances. Cell phones may only be used at the request of the music director or sectional coach (i.e. for a tuner or metronome app if applicable).
- Arrive at least ten minutes before rehearsals and sit in the appropriate chair with the necessary instrument and music.
- Bring a pencil, your music, and music stand to every rehearsal.

#### *Build and Serve the WSYO Audience*

- Usher for at least one WSO concert each semester. (This is required for all members in grades nine through twelve.)
- Tell your friends and family about your WSYO experience.
- Invite people to WSYO concerts.
- Complete any WSYO questionnaires or forms and return them to the Education and Community Engagement Manager by the deadline.
- Stay in touch! Let WSYO staff know if you are not receiving emails or if your contact information changes throughout the year.

## **Keep It Clean**

- Do not bring food, gum, or beverages into rehearsal or concert areas. These items are not allowed by the facilities we use.
- Leave rehearsal and performance spaces in the same or better condition than when WSYO members arrived. As guests of Wichita State University and Century II Concert Hall, WSYO members are responsible for picking up after themselves.
- Damage to or destruction of property is strictly prohibited.

## **Show Respect**

- Show respect to fellow musicians and WSYO staff at all times.
- Refrain from distracting or demeaning communication of any kind (such as hand or facial gestures, note passing, instant messaging/texting, etc...) or disruptive behavior.
- Foul language is unacceptable.

## **Stay Safe**

- Bullying will not be tolerated. Any bullying situation must be reported to the nearest staff member and to the Education and Community Engagement Manager immediately.
- Unruly behavior can become dangerous and/or damaging to property and will not be tolerated.
- Possession or use of any item which might inflict personal injury or property damage is prohibited.
- Report any suspicious activity at WSYO events to the nearest staff member and to the Education and Community Engagement Manager.
- Verbal or physical assaults, any act or words that show threat of harm, or any verbal or physical behavior that endangers the safety of others will not be tolerated. Report dangerous behavior to the nearest WSYO staff member and to law enforcement immediately.

## FOR WSYO MEMBERS, PARENTS, AND AUDIENCES:

- WSYO staff supervisory responsibility for student musicians extends only to the scheduled times of all functions. **Students are expected to remain in specified areas at all times.** WSYO cannot assume responsibility for students leaving specified areas.
- Federal law prohibits smoking on or around public school property and Century II Performing Arts Center. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by anyone under the age of 21, the purchase, sale, or use of illegal drugs or controlled substances is not permitted during any WSYO activity.
- Failure to abide by any WSYO regulation will result in disciplinary action, such as expulsion from the WSYO program, and forfeiture of any tuition and fees paid.

## Tuition & Fees

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- Fall or Full Year Payments are due on or before Wednesday, August 1, 2018
- Spring Payments are due on or before Saturday, January 6, 2019
- **Total Due Per Student = Tuition + Music Library Fee**

### Tuition

**Full Year:**            \$265 Payable in full by August 1, 2018

**By Semester:**     \$150 Payable in full by August 1, 2018 and January 6, 2019

### **Second Ensemble Discount**

*For students participating in both Orchestra and Wind Ensemble*

**Full Year**            \$265 (first ensemble) + \$200 (second ensemble) = **\$465**  
*payable in full by August 1*

**By Semester**     \$150 (first ensemble) + \$115 (second ensemble) = **\$265**  
*payable in full by August 1, 2018 and January 6, 2019*

### **Family Tuition Discount**

*Applies only to additional students from the same household. One student per household must pay full tuition.*

**Full Year**            \$240 Payable in full by first rehearsal in August

**By Semester**     \$130 Payable in full by first rehearsals in August and January



### **Music Library Fee:**

(Covers purchase/rental of music, photocopying, librarian work, and cost of music folder. Music Library fee to be added to tuition for every student.)

- **Youth Chamber Players:** \$15/semester; \$30/full year
- **Repertory Orchestra:** \$20/semester; \$40/full year
- **Youth Symphony:** \$25/semester; \$50/full year
- **Wind Ensemble:** \$25/semester; \$50/full year

### **Financial Assistance:**

A limited amount of need-based financial assistance is available. Contact Tiffany Bell at [tbell@wso.org](mailto:tbell@wso.org) for more information.

### **Refund Policy:**

No refunds of first semester fees after Labor Day. A \$35 surcharge will be deducted for any requested refunds prior to Labor Day. If a student pays for the full year, and requests a refund of 2nd semester fees after Labor Day and before January 15, a \$40 surcharge will be withheld.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Tuition, fees, and ticket sales cover a small portion of the WSYO budget. Donations are appreciated and encouraged.*

# Attendance Policies

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Attendance at all rehearsals and concerts is expected. Please weigh all other commitments (ACT/SAT testing schedule, clubs, educational activities, family vacations, sports, etc.) to assess possible conflicts before the WSYO season begins.

- **WSYO musicians must arrange to be picked up immediately following any event.** Please be considerate and arrange alternate transportation if you are unable to pick up your WSYO student at the end of a rehearsal or concert.
- Attendance is recorded at each regular rehearsal, dress rehearsal and performance.
- Students may have up to 2 absences during regular rehearsals each semester if prior notification is given. Students who have 3 or more absences may be required to re-audition at the semester to maintain active WSYO membership.

- All scheduled absences must be reported to the Education and Community Engagement Manager at least one week prior to the anticipated absence. Dress rehearsal and seating audition absences must be reported at least two weeks prior.
- To report absences, complete the **Student Absence Form**, which can be found on the WSYO website: [wso.org/education/youth-orchestras](http://wso.org/education/youth-orchestras), or contact the Education and Community Engagement Manager at [tbell@wso.org](mailto:tbell@wso.org). **Include the absent student's name, orchestra, instrument, and reason for absence in the message or email.**
- Failure to abide by these attendance policies may result in the loss of a chair position or forfeiture of membership in WSYO at the discretion of the conductor and WSYO staff committee.

### **Absences Due to Illness or Emergency**

- Absences must be reported to the Education and Community Engagement Manager ASAP at [tbell@wso.org](mailto:tbell@wso.org). **Include the absent student's name, orchestra, instrument, and reason for absence in the email.**
- For an illness or emergency that occurs after a WSYO member has arrived at a WSYO event, contact the Education and Community Engagement Manager in person if possible.
- WSYO Musicians absent more than twice in any semester will be required to re-audition for membership for the following year. (See the audition policies on pp. 13-14 for complete details.)

### **Excused Absences**

Only events that are required by the student's music program at school will be excused absences and not count towards their total number of absences each semester. **Written confirmation from the teacher is required one week in advance for these absences.** Have your school music teacher contact the Education and Community Engagement Manager at [tbell@wso.org](mailto:tbell@wso.org) with details about school music-related absences.

### **Tardiness**

- All WSYO musicians must plan to arrive at least ten minutes prior to the start of rehearsal.
- Musicians are considered tardy if they are not in their seats with their instrument out and the correct music on the stand by the beginning of the rehearsal or sectional. **Arriving late or leaving early is counted as one half (1/2) of an absence.**
- Late arrivals will sit in the back or at the end of the section during that portion of the rehearsal or sectional.

## **Dress Rehearsal Attendance Policy**

- Attendance at all dress rehearsals within the week prior to the concert is mandatory in order to perform in the concert. If a WSYO member fails to attend, he/she may not be allowed to perform in the concert, at the discretion of the conductor.
- Any request for an absence from a dress rehearsal must be delivered no later than two weeks prior to the concert.
- Dress rehearsal absence requests will be considered on an individual basis.
- **School-Related Dress Rehearsal Absence Requests:** The WSYO member must notify the supervising teacher of the conflict first. Following this notification, the WSYO member must provide a written request in person or via email ([tbell@wso.org](mailto:tbell@wso.org)) to the Education and Community Engagement Manager with the name and contact information of the supervising teacher as well as a short description of the scheduling conflict and the teacher's response to being notified of the issue. The Education and Community Engagement Manager will attempt to resolve the conflict through cooperative negotiation with the teacher.
- **Illness or Medical Emergency Dress Rehearsal Absence Requests:** WSYO members are required to provide a doctor's written notice that an illness or medical emergency necessitates that they miss a dress rehearsal and also that they may be permitted to perform in the concert. (This could apply to situations where the musician is prescribed an antibiotic and is deemed non-infectious after 24 hours, recovery from a concussion, etc.)
- Final absence request decisions will be made by a staff committee consisting of the WSYO Conductors and the Education and Community Engagement Manager.
- Missing a dress rehearsal may disqualify the WSYO member from performing in the concert at the discretion of the WSYO staff committee. All WSYO staff committee decisions are final.

## **Concert Attendance Policy**

- Concert attendance and participation is mandatory for membership in WSYO.
- Concert absence may forfeit WSYO membership at the discretion of the conductor and WSYO staff committee.
- All WSYO musicians must plan to arrive in their seats with the proper music and instrument before call time for the concert. Conductors set the call time for their orchestra.

## **Locations of Rehearsals and Concerts**

- The majority of rehearsals for WSYO concerts will take place at Duerksen Fine Arts Center at Wichita State University. Address: 1845 Fairmount St. Wichita, KS 67260
- All dress rehearsals, performances, and some regular rehearsals are held at Century II Concert Hall and other rooms as posted. Address: 225 W. Douglas, Wichita, KS 67202
- Specific rehearsal and concert dates are listed in this booklet on pp. 24 - 28. Any changes from the printed schedule will be announced at rehearsals and emailed.
- Parents and friends are invited to attend all rehearsals; the conductor reserves the right to ask anyone who is causing a distraction to leave.
- Rehearsal and Concert facilities prohibit the consumption or sale of outside food and drink at WSYO events.

## **Weather Cancellation Policy**

In the event that weather conditions force the cancellation of a rehearsal, dress rehearsal, or concert, an announcement will be made over KSNW-TV 3 or KNSS 1240 AM radio, as well as on the WSYO Facebook page. An email may be sent from [tbell@wso.org](mailto:tbell@wso.org) alerting WSYO members and parents of the schedule change.

# **Instruments/Music/Stands**

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- WSYO members must attend rehearsals and concerts with their instrument and all necessary equipment (strings, reeds, mallets, etc.). It is the responsibility of WSYO members to keep instruments they own in excellent condition.
- Any WSYO member that plays an instrument owned by WSYO or WSU is responsible for signing it in/out and treating that instrument with proper care. It is required that any instrument repairs or replacements necessary due to improper care or loss must be preapproved by the WSO CEO, Don Reinhold. The WSYO member responsible for the care of the instrument will be billed for the full amount of the repair or replacement. Contact the Education and Community Engagement Manager for preapproval confirmation regarding any WSYO or WSU instrument repair or replacement. If a WSYO or WSU instrument is stolen please file a police report and notify the Education and Community Engagement Manager immediately.
- **Percussionists** must assist in setting up, moving, dismantling, and putting away all percussion equipment used during rehearsals and concerts. The

equipment must be handled with care and stored neatly. Percussionists must also supply their own sticks and mallets. Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early to set up the section and stay late until all percussion equipment is put away.

- **All WSYO members must bring a folding music stand to each rehearsal.** Names should be marked clearly on stands for proper identification.
- Music will be issued to every WSYO member at or prior to the first rehearsal of each semester. Each musician is responsible for the set of music checked out at that time and will be charged for any music not returned following the concert.
- A music folder will be issued to every member at the first rehearsal of the season and must be returned following the final concert of the year.

# Auditions

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## WSYO MEMBERSHIP AUDITIONS

Auditions for all four ensembles are held in the late spring prior to the fall season. Audition announcements are provided to all returning members and instrumental directors in the local public and private middle schools and high schools.

- Audition information will be announced in advance of the audition date and listed on the WSYO website. WSYO applications are made available on the WSYO website at [wso.org/education/youth-orchestras](http://wso.org/education/youth-orchestras), or you may call the office for a printed copy.
- (Please Note: audition music changes from year to year.)
- Acceptance into WSYO is based solely upon the quality of the audition performed and will be evaluated on: technical proficiency, tone quality, dynamic range, musicality, rhythmic accuracy, and intonation. Audition materials will include scales, orchestral excerpts, and solo material.
- Audition Process: Auditions will be heard by a WSYO conductor, sectional coach, and/or a professional musician from the community. Within two weeks following the close of auditions, all auditionees will be notified if they have been accepted, placed on an alternate list, or not accepted. Those who are accepted as alternates may be offered a position if a vacancy occurs in the appropriate section.
- Repertory Orchestra and Youth Symphony membership is open to orchestral instrumental musicians who will be in grades seven through twelve at the start of the fall concert season.
- Youth Chamber Players membership is open to string players who will be in grades four through ten at the start of the fall concert season.
- **Current members of WSYO are required to audition every year to maintain membership.**

## SEATING AUDITIONS

- All Youth Chamber Players, Repertory Orchestra and Youth Symphony string players will be required to audition for seating at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. The spring auditions will also take into account the student's behavior and attendance in WSYO sectionals, rehearsals, and concerts (as determined by WSYO staff and conductors).
- Members will receive the results of the seating auditions either by mail or email during the week after the audition.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Audition procedures and policies are subject to change.*

## PRINCIPAL PLAYERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Acceptance of a principal position in a WSYO ensemble includes a higher level of accountability for attendance and performance. Principal players should bring a positive and helpful mindset to rehearsals. Make it a goal to praise other members of your section for their hard work and encourage those around you.

- Principals who miss a third rehearsal (regular or dress rehearsal) will be subject to removal from that position and rotated to a section position.
- Failure to abide by WSYO attendance policies may result in the loss of a chair position or forfeiture of membership in WSYO at the discretion of the conductor and WSYO staff committee.

Principal players will have the opportunity to play in one of the WSYO Principals Chamber Ensembles. These ensembles rehearse for one hour per week outside of the WSYO rehearsal schedule. They may represent WSYO at performances before Wichita Symphony concerts and at various locations in the Wichita community. They will also perform on the Sunday afternoon Fall and Spring Youth Orchestras Concerts. Each ensemble coach will set the rehearsal schedule in collaboration with the ensemble members.

- **PAUL A. STEPHENS STRING QUARTET**  
featuring Youth Symphony principal string players
- **MITCHELL A. BERMAN STRING QUARTET**  
featuring Repertory Orchestra principal string players
- **JAY DECKER BRASS QUINTET**  
featuring Youth Symphony principal brass players
- **YOUTH SYMPHONY WOODWIND QUINTET**  
featuring Youth Symphony principal woodwind players

## WSYO CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

Several small ensembles will rehearse outside of the WSYO rehearsal schedule. They may represent WSYO at performances before Wichita Symphony concerts and at various locations in the Wichita area. Membership is voluntary and based on student availability.

- **WICHITA SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS STRING ENSEMBLE**  
Featuring string players from Youth Symphony, Repertory Orchestra, and Youth Chamber Players, this ensemble performs at the Wichita Symphony *Spirit of the Season Free Family Holiday Concert* in December.
- **YOUTH CHAMBER PLAYERS STRING ENSEMBLE**  
Featuring string players from Youth Chamber Players, this ensemble performs one to two times annually including one performance at a Women's Association of the Wichita Symphony luncheon in April.

## Honors Ushers Program

The Honors Ushers Program has been established to provide a meaningful educational and musical experience for WSYO members, while providing a needed service at Wichita Symphony performances.

- **All WSYO members in grades nine through twelve will be expected to usher for at least one Wichita Symphony concert each semester.** Ushering is open to students in grades seven and above. Each Honors Usher may receive up to two complimentary tickets for the WSO concert for which they usher, subject to availability. Additional information will be sent to ushers the Monday preceding the concert weekend for which they are signed up to usher.
- **Honors Ushers Directors:** Two or three high school seniors are selected as Directors of the Honors Ushers Program to assist with the running of this program. Directors are outstanding members of the Youth Orchestras and the Ushers program. They are chosen from the membership of the Honors Ushers program and act as usher supervisors during all Wichita Symphony concerts.

## WSYO STAGE ASSISTANTS

Two stage assistants will assist the WSYO stage manager with the physical set-up and tear-down of all rehearsals at Wichita State University and Wichita High School East. WSYO Stage Assistants are chosen based on excellent attendance, attitude, and reliability. Other duties may be assigned as necessary.

# YOUTH TALENT AUDITIONS

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The auditions will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 1:00 pm in Duerksen Fine Arts Center at Wichita State University. WSYO members are eligible to audition for awards presented by individuals and businesses from the community. Each audition must be performed from memory and with piano accompaniment. Accompanists must be furnished by the auditionee. Those chosen for an award must comply with the WSYO Membership Responsibilities listed on p. 6 or they may forfeit the award.

## **Youth Talent Award**

Open to all high school seniors in the WSYO Program. The first place winner will perform with the Youth Symphony in the spring concert and is awarded an honorarium. A second place winner will perform with the Repertory Orchestra and is awarded an honorarium. Each auditionee must audition with the musical selection to be performed with the orchestra.

## **Stephen Paul Wunsch Foundation for Young Musicians Award**

Open to all members of the WSYO Program. This award provides a partial scholarship to attend the Interlochen Music Camp, Aspen Music School, Brevard Music Festival, or other comparable music camp.

## **Sensenev Music Inc. Youth Talent Award for**

### **Winds and Percussion**

Awarded to the winning wind or percussion player at the Youth Talent Auditions. In the event the winner of the Youth Talent Award is a wind or percussion player, the Sensenev Award will be presented to the second place wind or percussion player. The Sensenev Award includes an honorarium.

## **McHugh Violins, Inc. Talent Award for Strings**

Awarded to the winning string player at the Youth Talent Auditions. If the Youth Talent Award is presented to a string player, the McHugh Award will be presented to the second place string player. This award includes an honorarium.



## WSYO HONORS AND AWARDS

### **James P. Robertson Award**

This award will be presented during the spring concert to a graduating senior in the Youth Orchestras Program. Selection of a recipient is based on artistic excellence, potential, attitude, overall involvement in WSYO and the pursuit of a music major following graduation.

### **Janice Hupp Memorial Fund Award**

The Janice Hupp Memorial Fund was established in 1999 to recognize her dedication and service to music and music education in south-central Kansas. A product of the Wichita Public School system herself, Ms. Hupp was a member of WSYO as a student. From 1978-1988, she served as Manager of the Youth Orchestras program.

### **Eldon Lipp Memorial Viola Award**

This award was established in 2002 by his family to recognize his decades of service and dedication to the string students of our region. The student winning this prize is given the opportunity to perform for a year on the beautiful memorial viola bearing the Eldon Lipp memorial inscription.

### **Paul Conrad Woolwine “Rising Star” String Scholarship**

A scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior who will be enrolled as a music major in college.

### **Paul Conrad Woolwine Violin Award**

This award was established in 2012 by his family as a tribute to his years as a member of WSYO. A student winning this prize is given the opportunity to perform for a year on this wonderful violin.

### **M. Helen Allen Violin Award**

The M. Helen Allen Violin Award is made possible by Mrs. Allen to benefit a student in WSYO. A student will have use of the violin during his or her membership in the Youth Orchestras program.

***PLEASE NOTE:*** Additional awards may also be presented in the spring to high school seniors. Scholarships are awarded to members in the WSYO Program who have exemplified excellence in the program. Recommendations for these awards are made by the WSYO artistic and administrative staff.

# Parent Information

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## VOLUNTEER

WSYO relies on the help of parent volunteers to make our program a success, and we need your help! If you are able to volunteer your time and would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Katie French, at [tadiedid@gmail.com](mailto:tadiedid@gmail.com).

## FUNDRAISING

The Fundraising Committee encourages every WSYO parent to participate in some way. The fundraising efforts of this committee help to keep tuition costs low. They also provide opportunities for students to fundraise for their tour fees. You can help by collecting items for our silent auction, organizing auction baskets, contacting local businesses to buy program book ads, and in many other ways. To volunteer, please contact the Fundraising Coordinator, Brenda Lawton, at [brendalawton@att.net](mailto:brendalawton@att.net).

## REHEARSAL SNACKS

WSYO parents provide snacks for the students at every regular rehearsal. Every family is asked to contribute rehearsal snacks at least once per year. Sign up to bring snacks or to help set up and clean up rehearsal snacks by visiting [bit.ly/WSYOsnaacks](http://bit.ly/WSYOsnaacks).

## PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The WSYO Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is a group of parent volunteers who hold key positions in the organization. They provide essential support for WSYO by managing volunteers, fundraising, and securing funding for needed financial assistance. PAC members are chosen from among the WSYO parent volunteers.

## COMMUNICATION / MEDIA / PRIVACY POLICY

The Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras (WSYO) and the Wichita Symphony Society (WSS) reserve the right to record audio and/or video and photograph any and all WSYO activities for later use, which may include printed or electronic materials and radio/tv/film/online broadcast. WSYO member and/or parent likeness, including print, electronic, audio, or video recordings may be used for any purpose, with or without the use of name, school, grade and other pertinent information, and without remuneration by WSYO or the WSS and its assigns for the purpose of internal and external communications.

WSYO may distribute information to members and their families regarding WSYO events, WSYO schedule changes, Wichita Symphony events, and unique musical or educational opportunities.

- A WSYO membership list, including name, address, phone number, and email, will be released to WSYO members for the purpose of facilitating communication between WSYO members and their families at the discretion of the Education and Community Engagement Manager.
- Contact Information (name, address, phone number, and email) may be released to other organizations representing unique musical or educational opportunities for WSYO members and their families at the discretion of the Education and Community Engagement Manager.
- Contact Information for WSYO members and parents is never sold to third parties.

## NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras Program (WSYO) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, age, religion or religious creed, disability or handicap, sex or gender, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal, state or local law. Retaliation is also prohibited.

## SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras Program (WSYO) does not tolerate sexual harassment as defined: an uninvited and unwelcomed verbal or physical behavior of a sexual nature, especially by a person in authority toward a subordinate (as an employee or student) or student to student.

## BULLYING POLICY

Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras Program (WSYO) does not tolerate bullying as defined: any intentional gesture or any intentional written, verbal, electronic or physical act or threat either by any student, staff member or parent towards a student or by any student, staff member or parent towards a staff member that is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that such gesture, act or threat creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment that a reasonable person, under the circumstances, knows or should know will have the effect of: harming a student or staff member, whether physically or mentally; damaging a student's or staff member's property; placing a student or staff member in reasonable fear of harm to the student or staff member; or placing a student or staff member in reasonable fear of damage to the student's or staff member's property; or cyberbullying.

## WSYO Concert Dress

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Each WSYO ensemble has a required dress code for each concert. Our members belong to a great team and each WSYO ensemble must present a unified appearance. The focus should be on the ensemble as a whole and the music it is performing rather than an individual musician in an ensemble.

### YOUTH CHAMBER PLAYERS

- **Ladies:** Long, street length dark skirt or formal black dress slacks (loose or classic fit, not skinny) with a white blouse with  $\frac{3}{4}$  length sleeves or longer, black dress shoes, and black socks or nylons
- **Gentlemen:** Dark dress slacks, white, long-sleeve shirt with a collar and long dark tie, black dress shoes, and dark socks (Dark means black is greatly preferred but a very dark navy or gray is acceptable.)

### REPERTORY ORCHESTRA, WIND ENSEMBLE, AND YOUTH SYMPHONY

- **Ladies:** Long, street length solid black dress, or a long, street length solid black skirt or black dress pants (loose or classic fit, not skinny) with a solid black long sleeve or  $\frac{3}{4}$  sleeve blouse, and black dress shoes with solid black socks, tights, or nylons.
- **Gentlemen:** Dark suit or sport coat with dark slacks, white shirt with a collar and long dark tie, black dress shoes, and dark socks (Dark means black is greatly preferred but a very dark navy or gray is acceptable.)

Musicians in violation of the dress code will be instructed to contact a parent to ask for appropriate concert dress prior to concert time. If a musician is not in compliance with the dress code, he/she may not be allowed to perform with the ensemble and may forfeit membership.

## WSYO Concert Information

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WSYO will present two fall concerts on **Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18, 2018** and two spring concerts on **Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3, 2019**. Saturday concerts will begin at 7:30 pm and will feature Youth Symphony and Wind Ensemble. Sunday concerts will begin at 3:00 pm and will feature Youth Chamber Players, Repertory Orchestra, and the WSYO Principals Chamber Ensembles. Purchase of one ticket for the fall concerts grants you admission to both the Saturday and Sunday performances; likewise in the spring.

- A CD recording by each orchestra of both concerts will be available for purchase at the end of the season.
- If you wish to video the concert please do not set up in areas that will obstruct the view of others nearby or obstruct access to seats or exits.
- Flash photography is not allowed, as it may distract the performers.
- Reserved seating is unavailable prior to the opening of the house doors for audience members. Any items left on seats prior to the house doors opening will be removed by Century II or WSYO staff.

WSYO concert tickets may be purchased online at [wichitasymphony.org](http://wichitasymphony.org), over the phone at 316.267.7658, or in person at the Wichita Symphony offices on the second floor of Century II Concert Hall.

# Youth Symphony Tour

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Youth Symphony will be embarking on a tour to Colorado Springs, CO March 8–10, 2019. The tour will include a shared concert with the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony, sightseeing, and homestays with CSYS families. The following weekend, March 15–17, 2019, we will host students from the CSYS here in Wichita. We will again have a shared concert that weekend, and will be counting on our Youth Symphony families to provide homestays for CSYS students as well. If you are able, please plan to host two or more students in your home that weekend. Our Parent Advisory Committee is hard at work planning fundraisers for the tour, so every student will have the opportunity to raise funds for their tour this year.

***Full participation in the tour is required for all Youth Symphony members.***

Fundraising materials, payment schedules, and tour itineraries will be provided to help you plan for the tour.

## Wichita Symphony Concerts

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September 15 & 16	<b>Bach, Beethoven &amp; Brahms</b> featuring Kelly Hall-Tompkins, violin
October 27 & 28	<b>Hough Plays Dvorak</b> featuring Stephen Hough, piano
November 10 & 11	<b>Britten's War Requiem</b>
January 26 & 27	<b>Yang Plays Tchaikovsky</b> featuring Joyce Yang, piano
February 9 & 10	<b>*South Pacific: In Concert</b>
February 15 & 17	<b>Rachmaninoff: The Complete Piano Concertos</b> featuring Lise de la Salle, piano
March 16 & 17	<b>*Moonrise:</b> A film by Dr. Jose Francisco Salgado, astronomer & visual artist
April 13 & 14	<b>Beethoven's 9th</b>

For complete details visit: [wichitasymphony.org/events/masterworks](http://wichitasymphony.org/events/masterworks)

## WSYO COMPLIMENTARY TICKET VOUCHERS

All WSYO members will receive one voucher for two complimentary tickets (subject to availability) to a Saturday or Sunday performance of a WSO Masterworks Concert. Please follow the instructions printed on your voucher to redeem your tickets. Vouchers may be used for one of the previously listed concerts.

## SPECIAL WSYO DISCOUNTS

**YO10** – Code provides at 10% discount for an Adult ticket, applicable in all sections EXCEPT Section F. Visit [wichitasymphony.org](http://wichitasymphony.org) and enter the code at checkout.

**Student Rush Tickets** – Youth Orchestras students may purchase \$10 Student Rush tickets at any time. Student Rush tickets are not available for purchase online. Concerts listed with an asterisk\* on p. 22 are indicated as Premium Concerts, Student Rush tickets are \$20 for these performances.

## TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Call the Symphony Box Office at 316.267.7658, Monday–Friday, 10 am–5 pm and mention the Youth Orchestras Discount & Youth Orchestras Student Tickets.

**Remember** – Student Rush tickets are *not* available for purchase online!

# WSYO Rehearsal and Concert Schedule

## YOUTH SYMPHONY REPERTORY ORCHESTRA YOUTH CHAMBER PLAYERS

*Please see the Wind Ensemble rehearsal and concert schedule on pp. 27-28.*

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***Rehearsals take place at Duerksen Fine Arts Center on the Wichita State campus unless otherwise noted***  
**Saturdays: 9 am–noon | Sundays: 2–5 pm**

### **Fall Schedule**

**Saturday, August 11, 9 am - 6:30 pm**

*Youth Symphony Retreat, (Youth Symphony only)*

**Sunday, August 12, 5:00–7:00 pm**

*WSYO Family Night at Rock River Rapids (optional, but encouraged!)*

**Saturday, August 18**

*Orientation (mandatory for all students and parents)*

*Repertory Orchestra and Youth Symphony string seating auditions following orientation*

*Youth Chamber Players rehearsal until noon*

*Open House for parents in Duerksen FAC lobby, hosted by the Parent Advisory Committee*

**Sunday, August 26**

**Sunday, September 9**

*Youth Chamber Players seating auditions take place during regular rehearsal hours*

**Saturday, September 15**

*Youth Symphony woodwinds, brass, and percussion dismissed at 11 am*

**Sunday, September 23**

**Sunday, September 30**

**Sunday, October 7**



# YOUTH SYMPHONY REPERTORY ORCHESTRA YOUTH CHAMBER PLAYERS

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**Sunday, October 14**

**Sunday, October 21**

**Saturday, October 27** – Rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall

**Sunday, November 4** – Rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall

**Saturday, November 10**

**Thursday, November 15** - Dress rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall

4:30–7:00 pm Youth Symphony only

**Friday, November 16** - Dress rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall

5:30–7:00 pm Youth Chamber Players only

7:00–8:30 pm Repertory Orchestra only

7:00–9:30 pm Youth Symphony only

**Saturday, November 17** - Dress rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall

9:00 am–noon Youth Chamber Players

9:00 am–noon Repertory Orchestra

**Saturday, November 17 Concert @ 7:30 pm at Century II Concert Hall**

*(Youth Symphony & Wind Ensemble)*

**Sunday, November 18 Concert @ 3 pm at Century II Concert Hall**

*(Youth Chamber Players, Repertory Orchestra, and chamber ensembles)*

**Sunday, December 9, 3–5 pm**

*Spring music reading session - ALL ORCHESTRAS*

5:00 pm Youth Symphony pizza dinner

6:30 –7:15 pm Youth Symphony performance at Botanica Illuminations

**Saturday, December 15, 1:00 pm**

*Youth Talent Auditions (not required)*

## ***Not on this schedule***

Youth Chamber Players Fall Runout Tour, Date and time TBD

*This tour will take place on a school day in November during the morning.*

*More information will be sent to YCP students and parents ASAP.*

*Youth Symphony, Repertory Orchestra, and Youth Chamber Players schedule continued on next page...*

# YOUTH SYMPHONY REPERTORY ORCHESTRA YOUTH CHAMBER PLAYERS

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## Spring Schedule

**Sunday, January 6**

**Saturday, January 12**

**Sunday, January 20**

*Youth Chamber Players seating auditions during regular rehearsal hours*

**Saturday, January 26**

**Sunday, February 3**

**Saturday, February 9**

**Saturday, February 16** – *Rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall*

**Sunday, February 24**

**Thursday, February 28** - *Dress rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall*

4:30–7:00 Youth Symphony Only

**Friday, March 1** - *Dress rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall*

5:30–7:00 Youth Chamber Players

7:00–8:30 pm Repertory Orchestra

7:00–9:30 Youth Symphony

**Saturday, March 2** - *Dress rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall*

9:00 am–noon YCP only

9:00 am–noon Rep only

**Saturday, March 2 Concert @ 7:30 pm at Century II Concert Hall**

*(Youth Symphony & Wind Ensemble only)*

**Sunday, March 3 Concert @ 3 pm at Century II Concert Hall**

*(Youth Chamber Players, Repertory Orchestra, & chamber ensembles only)*

**March 8-10**

*Youth Symphony Tour, Colorado Springs, CO (Youth Symphony only)*

**Saturday, March 16, 2:00 pm**

*Youth Symphony combined concert with Colorado Springs Youth Symphony, Century II Concert Hall. There may be a short dress rehearsal in the morning.*

# Wind Ensemble Rehearsal and Concert Schedule

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*Rehearsals take place at Duerksen Fine Arts Center  
on the Wichita State campus unless otherwise noted*  
Mondays: 6:30–9:00 pm

## Fall Schedule

**Sunday, August 12, 5:00–7:00 pm**

*WSYO Family Night at Rock River Rapids (optional, but encouraged!)*

**Saturday, August 18, 9:00 am –10:00 am**

*Orientation (mandatory for all students and parents)*

**Monday, August 27**

**Monday, September 10**

**Monday, September 17**

**Monday, September 24**

**Monday, October 1**

**Monday, October 8**

*Sectionals only from 6:30–7:30 pm*

7:30 pm - attend the WSU Wind Ensemble concert

**NO PERCUSSION** (percussionists are invited to join the ensemble for the 7:30 concert)

**Monday, October 15**

**Monday, October 22**

**Monday, October 29**

**Monday, November 5**

**Monday, November 12**

**Thursday, November 15, 7:30-9:30pm** *Dress rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall*

**Friday, November 16, 4:15-5:15pm** *Dress rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall*

**Saturday, November 17 - Concert @ 7:30 pm at Century II Concert Hall**

*(Wind Ensemble and Youth Symphony)*

**Monday, December 3, 6:30–8:30 pm**

*Spring music reading session*

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# WIND ENSEMBLE

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## Spring Schedule

**Monday, January 7**

**Monday, January 14**

**Monday, January 21** – *Rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall*

**Monday, January 28**

**Monday, February 4**

**Monday, February 11**

**Monday, February 18**

**Monday, February 25**

**Thursday, February 28, 7:00–9:30 pm** *Dress rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall*

**Friday, March 1, 4:15–5:15 pm** *Dress rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall*

**Saturday, March 2 - Concert @ 7:30 pm at Century II Concert Hall**

*(Wind Ensemble and Youth Symphony)*

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