

WICHITA SYMPHONY
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Mission and History

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, the Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras Program is made up of four ensembles that serve over 250 students from 22 cities and towns in central Kansas and northern 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

CONDUCTORS

Dr. Mark Laycock

*Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras Program Director
Youth Symphony Conductor
Fred and Mary Koch Foundation Endowed Chair*

Dr. Laycock serves as the Director of Orchestras at Wichita State University where he holds the Ann Walenta Faculty of Distinction Endowed Professorship. He has led WSU Symphony performances in Spain, the Pacific Northwest, and Carnegie Hall. Dr. Laycock is a member of the Board of Directors of the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic. He has conducted all-state, region, and district orchestras throughout the country; his work as guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator spans 34 states. Dr. Laycock has presented workshop sessions for numerous state and national education conferences.

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. His summer activities include teaching at Camp Allegro and Bows at the Barn and directing a youth program sponsored by the Delano Chamber Players that includes two orchestras.

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, Wichita Public Schools. A native of Dayton, Ohio, he has made Wichita his home, playing in the Wichita Symphony bass section for 21 seasons. The recipient of numerous awards including the Wichita Public Schools' Good Apple Award, Wichita Arts Council's Burton Pell Award and the Wichita Symphony's Severt Award, he served as President of the Kansas String Teacher's Association from 2013-2015. He has also served as Chair of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra Committee, and as President of Wichita Musician's Association.

Dr. Timothy Shade

Youth Wind Ensemble Conductor

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

Dr. Timothy Jones, violin

Dr. Elizabeth Wallace, viola

Seth Girton, cello

Renea Abdallah, double bass

Sarah Larson, woodwinds

Dr. Jeb Wallace, brass

Andrew Slater, percussion

Youth Chamber Players

Rosemarie Barney, Rehearsal Assistant

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Meet the Ensembles

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 and tours regionally and nationally. 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

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. The Wind Ensemble performs two concerts at Century II Concert Hall each season, and is open to students entering grades seven through twelve.

REPERTORY ORCHESTRA

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. Repertory Orchestra is open to students entering grades seven through twelve.

YOUTH CHAMBER PLAYERS

Our youngest orchestra, 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. Youth Chamber Players is open to students entering grades four through ten.

Stay Informed

- All WSYO documents, forms, and signups can be found online on the Student Information Portal: WichitaSymphony.org/WSYOStudentInfo. Bookmark this page for quick access - you'll need to visit it regularly.
- Check your email regularly for notices, updates, and reminders from The Education and Community Engagement Manager and WSYO Administrative Assistant. We will notify you as soon as possible with any schedule changes or important information.

Membership Requirements

- Membership is by audition only (see the Membership Audition Policy p. 15) 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.**
- You must also 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 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

FOR WSYO MEMBERS

BE PRESENT

- Attend all rehearsals and performances (see Attendance Policies on pp. 12-14 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 9 through 12.)
- Tell your friends and family about your WSYO experience.
- Invite people to WSYO concerts.
- Complete any WSYO questionnaires or forms and return them to WSYO staff 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 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, 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 WSYO staff member 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.
- 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

- Fall or Full Year Payments are Due on or before Thursday, August 1, 2019
- Spring Payments are Due on or before Friday, January 7, 2020
- **Total Due Per Student = Tuition + Music Library Fee**

Tuition

Youth Chamber Players, Repertory Orchestra, Wind Ensemble

- \$285 (Full Year)
- \$155 (Semester)

Youth Symphony (includes Summer Retreat Fee; Tour Fees paid separately)

- \$375 (Full Year)
- \$215 (Semester)

SECOND ENSEMBLE DISCOUNT

For students participating in both Orchestra and Wind Ensemble

Second Ensemble Tuition (in addition to full tuition for YS or Rep):

- \$215 (Full Year)
- \$120 (Semester)

FAMILY TUITION DISCOUNT

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

- \$255 (Full Year)
- \$140 (Semester)

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:** \$30 (Full Year); \$15 (Semester)
- **Repertory Orchestra:** \$40 (Full Year); \$20 (Semester)
- **Wind Ensemble:** \$50 (Full Year); \$25 (Semester)
- **Youth Symphony:** \$50 (Full Year); \$25 (Semester)

Financial Assistance:

A limited amount of need-based financial assistance is available. Contact Tiffany Bell at tbell@wso.org for Financial Assistance Application and more information. **Financial Assistance Applications are due July 1, 2019.**

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

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 and may not be allowed to play the concert.
- All scheduled absences must be reported 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 **Absence Notice Form**, which can be found on the WSYO Student Information Portal: WichitaSymphony.org/WSYOStudentInfo.
- 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

- Complete the Absence Notice Form, located on the WSYO Student Information Portal (WichitaSymphony.org/WSYOStudentInfo) to notify WSYO staff of absences due to illness or emergency.
- For an illness or emergency that occurs after a WSYO member has arrived at a WSYO event, contact WSYO staff in person, if possible.
- WSYO musicians absent more than twice in any semester may be required to re-audition for membership for the following year and may not be allowed to play the concert. (See the Audition Policies on pp. 12-13 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 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:** Have your school music teacher contact the Education and Community Engagement Manager directly at tbell@wso.org to address school music-related conflicts with WSYO Dress Rehearsals. WSYO staff and teachers will work together to reach a solution and notify you of the outcome.
- **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.). If a student has already missed two rehearsals in a semester they may not be allowed to play the concert if a dress rehearsal is missed due to illness.
- Final absence request decisions will be made by a committee consisting of the WSYO conductors and staff.
- Missing a Dress Rehearsal may disqualify the WSYO member from performing in the concert at the discretion of the WSYO staff and conductors. All WSYO staff 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 WSYO rehearsals 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. Any changes from the printed schedule will be announced at rehearsals, posted on the Student Information Portal, 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 from the Education and Community Engagement Manager or WSYO Administrative Assistant will be sent alerting WSYO members and parents of the schedule change.

Instruments/Music/Stands

- 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 the WSO 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. The WSYO member responsible for the care of the instrument will be billed for the full amount of the repair or replacement. Contact WSYO staff for preapproval confirmation regarding any WSO instrument repair or replacement. If a WSO instrument is stolen please file a police report and notify WSYO staff 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

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 WichitaSymphony.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.
- Wind Ensemble is open to woodwind, brass, and percussion players who will be in grades seven through twelve 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).
- Woodwind, brass, and percussion players in Youth Symphony, Wind Ensemble, and Repertory Orchestra will be seated in the fall semester based on membership audition results, and may be asked to re-audition for seating at the start of the spring semester.
- Dates for seating auditions are listed in the rehearsal schedule. Music selections for the auditions will be announced by the section coach and distributed at rehearsal and via email. Members will receive the results of the seating auditions via email during the week after the audition.

****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

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 Holiday Pops Concert.

WSYO USHER PROGRAM

The WSYO Usher 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 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.
- **WSYO Usher Directors:** Two or three high school seniors are selected as Directors of the WSYO Usher Program to assist with the running of this program. Directors are outstanding members of the Youth Orchestras and the Usher Program. They are chosen among students who have been active as ushers during their time in WSYO and act as usher supervisors during all Wichita Symphony concerts.

WSYO STAGE ASSISTANTS

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

YOUTH TALENT AUDITIONS

Youth Talent Auditions will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 1:00PM in Duerksen Fine Arts Center at Wichita State University. WSYO seniors are eligible to audition for the Youth Talent Award, and all WSYO members are eligible to audition for the Stephen Paul Wunsch Foundation for Young Musicians Award. 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 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 Youth Symphony in the spring concert and is awarded an honorarium. A second place winner will perform with 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.

WSYO HONORS AND AWARDS

James P. Robertson Award

This award will be presented during the spring concert to a graduating senior who has been an exemplary member of the Youth Orchestras Program. Selection of a recipient is based on artistic excellence, potential, attitude, and overall involvement in the Youth Orchestras Program.

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 the Wichita Youth Orchestras 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 the Youth Orchestras program. 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 the Youth Orchestras program. A student will have use of the violin during membership in the Youth Orchestras program.

***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

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 sign up to volunteer as your schedule allows. Volunteer signups are found on the Student Information Portal: WichitaSymphony.org/WSYOStudentInfo.

FUNDRAISING

The Fundraising Committee encourages every WSYO parent to participate in fundraising in some way. The fundraising efforts of this committee help to keep tuition costs low and 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 many other ways. Sign up to join the Fundraising Committee on the Student Information Portal: WichitaSymphony.org/WSYOStudentInfo.

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 on the Student Information Portal: WichitaSymphony.org/WSYOStudentInfo.

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 the Youth Orchestras by managing volunteers, fundraising, and securing funding for needed financial assistance. PAC members are chosen from among the WSYO parent volunteers.

COMMUNICATION/PHOTO/PRIVACY POLICY

The Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras (WSYO) 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 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

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.

- All attire should be wrinkle-free.
- **Ladies:** No sleeveless, short sleeve, strapless, spaghetti strap, halter, see-through or backless dresses or blouses, short skirts or skirts with side slits higher than the knee, jeans, skinny pants, crop pants, cargo pants, flip-flops, tennis shoes, hats, head bands, or low-cut tops or dresses on stage. Socks, tights, or nylons must be solid black.
- **Gentlemen:** No t-shirts, jeans, cargo pants, flip-flops, tennis shoes, hats, or head bands on stage. Socks must be dark.
- 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.

YOUTH CHAMBER PLAYERS

- **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 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.)

WSYO Concert Information

WSYO will present two Fall Concerts on **Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10, 2019** and two Spring Concerts on **Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8, 2020**. 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 ensemble including both the fall and spring 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, over the phone at 316.267.7658, or in person at the Wichita Symphony offices on the second floor of Century II Concert Hall.

Wichita Symphony Concerts

September 21 & 22	Bach Double + Bruckner 6 <i>featuring Holly Mulcahy & Timothy Jones, violins</i>
October 26 & 27	Symphonic Tales <i>featuring Zuill Bailey, cello</i>
November 23 & 24	Carmina Burana
January 25 & 26	New World Symphony <i>featuring Yolanda Kondonassis, harp</i>
February 21 & 23	Beethoven: The Complete Piano Concertos <i>featuring Stewart Goodyear, piano</i>
March 14 & 15	Ravel & Brahms <i>featuring Natasha Paremski, piano</i>
April 4 & 5	The Rose of Sonora <i>featuring Holly Mulcahy, violin</i>

Attending concerts and experiencing live musical performance is a vital part of your musical education, and WSYO members and their families are encouraged to attend as many Wichita Symphony concerts as possible during the season. Youth Orchestras families receive an exclusive offer on ticket packages and single tickets to the Wichita Symphony:

WSYO students attend Wichita Symphony Masterworks performances for FREE with the purchase of an adult ticket. Applicable for single tickets or subscriptions.

TO PURCHASE

Call the Symphony Box Office at 316.267.7658, Monday–Friday, 10 am–5 pm and mention the Youth Orchestras Exclusive Offer. All concert attendees must have a ticket. Tickets must be claimed by 5:00 pm the Friday before your selected Masterworks concert. Offer only valid for current WSYO members. Student tickets are available for non-WSYO siblings.

Youth Symphony Tour

Youth Symphony will be embarking on a tour to Chicago, IL June 1-7, 2020. The tour will include Youth Symphony performances, attending a concert by the Chicago Symphony, workshops, and sightseeing. Our Parent Advisory Committee is hard at work planning fundraisers for the tour, and every student will have the opportunity to raise funds for the tour. Tour fees are paid separately from tuition. **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.

TOUR ACCOUNTS

Individual tour accounts have been established for each Youth Symphony member. As you participate in fundraisers, money will be credited to your tour account, which will defray the cost of the tour. The more you participate, the lower the cost of your tour will be! Funds raised for your tour account are non-transferable and non-refundable. Any amount raised exceeding the cost of the tour will be carried over to your tour account for future tours, or you may choose to donate it to the WSYO Financial Assistance Fund.

Youth Symphony Schedule

**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, 2019

Saturday, August 3, 9:00 am–5:30 pm – Youth Symphony Retreat

Sunday, August 11 – Orientation

- Youth Symphony String Seating Auditions following orientation
- Open house for parents following orientation

Sunday, August 18

Sunday, August 25

Sunday, September 8

Sunday, September 15

Saturday, September 21 – *Maestro Daniel Hege leads rehearsal*

Sunday, September 29

Sunday, October 6

Sunday, October 13

Sunday, October 20 – *Rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, October 26

Sunday, November 3

Thursday, November 7, 4:30–6:45 pm - *Dress rehearsal at Century II*

Friday, November 8, 7:00–9:30 pm - *Dress rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, November 9 @ 7:30 pm - Concert

(Youth Symphony & Wind Ensemble)

Sunday, November 10 @ 3:00 pm - Concert

(Youth Chamber Players, Repertory Orchestra, chamber groups)

Monday, November 11 @ 7:00 pm – Concert in Hutchinson, KS

(Youth Symphony & Wind Ensemble) We will travel to Hutchinson together by bus, and dinner will be provided for you.

Sunday, December 1, 3:00–5:00 pm – *Spring Music Reading Session (required)*

Saturday, December 14, 1:00 pm - Youth Talent Auditions (not required)

Spring, 2020

Sunday, January 5 - *Youth Symphony seating auditions for all instruments*

Sunday, January 12

Sunday, January 19

Saturday, January 25

Saturday, February 1

Sunday, February 9

Sunday, February 16 – *Rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, February 22 – *Rehearsal at Century II*

Sunday, March

Thursday, March 5, 4:30–6:45 pm - *Dress rehearsal at Century II*

Friday, March 6, 7:00–9:30 pm - *Dress rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, March 7 @ 7:30 pm – Concert

(Youth Symphony & Wind Ensemble)

Sunday, March 8 @ 3:00 pm - Concert

(Youth Chamber Players, Repertory Orchestra, chamber groups)

Tour Rehearsal Schedule

Monday, May 18, 6:30-9:00 pm

Saturday, May 23, 9:00 am–noon

Tuesday, May 26, 6:30-9:00 pm

Wednesday, May 27, 6:30-9:00 pm

Thursday, May 28, 6:30-9:00 pm

Friday, May 29 @ 11:00 am: Opening Concert at Riverfest/Tour Sendoff

Youth Symphony Chicago Tour Dates

June 1-7, 2020 (may be June 2-6 or June 2-7)

Wind Ensemble Schedule

Rehearsals take place at Duerksen Fine Arts Center on the Wichita State campus unless otherwise noted

Mondays: 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Fall, 2019

Sunday, August 11, 2:00-3:00 pm – Orientation

Open House following orientation

Monday, August 19

Monday, August 26

Monday, September 9

Monday, September 16

Monday, September 23

Monday, September 30

Monday, October 7 – *Location TBD*

Monday, October 14

Monday, October 21

Monday, October 28 - *Rehearsal at Century II*

Monday, November 4

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

Friday, November 8, 4:15–6:30 pm - *Dress rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, November 9 @ 7:30 pm - Concert

(Youth Symphony & Wind Ensemble)

Sunday, November 10 @ 3:00 pm - Concert

(Youth Chamber Players, Repertory Orchestra, chamber groups)

Monday, November 11 @ 7:00 pm - Concert in Hutchinson, KS

(Wind Ensemble & Youth Symphony) We will travel to Hutchinson together by bus, and dinner will be provided for you.

Saturday, December 14, 1:00 pm - *Youth Talent Auditions (optional)*

Monday, December 16, 6:30-8:30 pm - *spring music reading session (required)*

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Spring, 2020 (Wind Ensemble)

Monday, January 6

Monday, January 13

Monday, January 20 - *Rehearsal at Century II (no percussion)*

Monday, January 27

Monday, February 3

Monday, February 10

Monday, February 17

Monday, February 24

Monday, March 2

Thursday, March 5, 7:15–9:30 pm - *Dress Rehearsal at Century II*

Friday, March 6, 4:15–6:30 pm - *Dress rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, March 7 @ 7:30 pm - Concert

(Youth Symphony & Wind Ensemble)

Sunday, March 8 @ 3:00 pm - Concert

(Youth Chamber Players, Repertory Orchestra, chamber groups)

Repertory Orchestra Schedule

*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, 2019

Sunday, August 11 – Orientation and first rehearsal

Open house for parents following orientation

Sunday, August 18

Sunday, August 25

Repertory Orchestra Strings Seating Auditions during regular rehearsal

Sunday, September 8

Sunday, September 15

Saturday, September 21

Sunday, September 29

Sunday, October 6

Sunday, October 13

Sunday, October 20 – *Rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, October 26

Sunday, November 3

Friday, November 8, 7:00–8:30 pm - *Dress rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, November 9, 9:00 am–noon – *Dress rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, November 9 @ 7:30 pm – Concert

(Youth Symphony & Wind Ensemble)

Sunday, November 10 @ 3:00 pm – Concert

(Youth Chamber Players, Repertory Orchestra, chamber groups)

Sunday, December 1, 3:00–5:00 pm – Spring Music Reading Session (required)

Saturday, December 14, 1:00 pm - Youth Talent Auditions (optional)

Spring, 2020

Sunday, January 5

*Repertory Orchestra Woodwind/Brass Seating Auditions during
regular rehearsal*

Sunday, January 12

Repertory Orchestra String Seating Auditions during regular rehearsal

Sunday, January 19

Saturday, January 25

Saturday, February 1

Sunday, February 9

Sunday, February 16 – *Rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, February 22 – *Rehearsal at Century II*

Sunday, March 1

Friday, March 6, 7:00–8:30 pm - *Dress rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, March 7, 9:00 am–noon – *Dress rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, March 7 @ 7:30 pm – Concert

(Youth Symphony & Wind Ensemble)

Sunday, March 8 @ 3:00 pm - Concert

(Youth Chamber Players, Repertory Orchestra, chamber groups)

Youth Chamber Players Schedule

*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, 2019

Sunday, August 11 – Orientation and first rehearsal
Open house for parents following orientation

Sunday, August 18

Sunday, August 25

Sunday, September 8
Youth Chamber Players Seating Auditions during regular rehearsal

Sunday, September 15

Saturday, September 21

Sunday, September 29

Sunday, October 6

Sunday, October 13

Sunday, October 20 – *Rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, October 26

Sunday, November 3

Friday, November 8, 5:30–7:00 pm - *Dress rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall*

Saturday, November 9, 9:00 am–noon
Dress rehearsal at Century II Concert Hall

Saturday, November 9 @ 7:30 pm - Concert
(Youth Symphony & Wind Ensemble only)

Sunday, November 10 @ 3:00 pm - Concert
(Youth Chamber Players, Repertory Orchestra, chamber groups)

Sunday, December 1, 3:00–5:00 pm – Spring Music Reading Session (required)

Saturday, December 14, 1:00 pm - Youth Talent Auditions (optional)

Spring, 2020

Sunday, January 5

Sunday, January 12

Sunday, January 19
Youth Chamber Players Seating Auditions during regular rehearsal

Saturday, January 25

Saturday, February 1

Sunday, February 9

Sunday, February 16 – *Rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, February 22 – *Rehearsal at Century II*

Sunday, March 1

Friday, March 6, 5:30–7:00 pm - *Dress rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, March 7, 9:00 am–noon – *Dress rehearsal at Century II*

Saturday, March 7 @ 7:30 pm - Concert
(Youth Symphony & Wind Ensemble only)

Sunday, March 8 @ 3:00 pm - Concert
(Youth Chamber Players, Repertory Orchestra, chamber groups)

Not on this Schedule: Youth Chamber Players Runout Concert

Youth Chamber Players will play a half day tour of local schools in the month of November. This will take place during a school day. Details will be forthcoming as soon as they are available.

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