



WICHITA
SYMPHONY
YOUTH
ORCHESTRAS



MEET THE WSYO ENSEMBLES

Youth Concert Band: March - May 2027

The Wichita Youth Concert Band is an intense 6 - 8 week ensemble consisted of advanced middle school wind, brass, and percussion students with at least one year of band experience. This ensemble is designed for students to hone their skills in the spring, and prepares them to advance into the Youth Wind Ensemble, Repertory Orchestra, and Youth Symphony. The Youth Concert band rehearses on Monday evenings March - May 2027, with a final performance at Wichita State University. Membership is by application and nomination. Intended for middle school students.

Youth Wind Ensemble: January - March 2027

The Wichita Youth Wind Ensemble is comprised of elite wind, brass, and percussion students, and focuses on a "one-to-a-part" model. Repertoire performed by the Wind Ensemble is drawn from pillars of the wind band literature, as well as newer works by living composers. The Youth Wind Ensemble rehearses on Monday evenings January - March 2027, with a final performance at the Century II Concert Hall. Membership is by audition. Intended for advanced high school students.

Introductory String Orchestra: September 2026 - March 2027

The Wichita Introductory String Orchestra develops young musicians' playing technique and ensemble skills in a concentrated, small group setting. It prepares young musicians to advance into the Youth Chamber Players and Repertory Orchestra as they develop their skills and gain valuable performance experience. The Introductory String Orchestra rehearses on Sunday afternoons September 2026 - March 2027, with two performances at Century II Concert Hall. Membership is by application and nomination. Intended for students in 4th - 8th grade, with literacy in 1st position.





Youth Chamber Players: September 2026 - March 2027

The Wichita Youth Chamber Players is a string orchestra that prepares students to advance to a full symphony orchestra, such as the Repertory Orchestra or Youth Symphony. Members improve individual playing technique, develop ensemble skills, and gain valuable performance experience. The Youth Chamber Players rehearses on Sunday afternoons September 2026 - March 2027, with two performances at Century II Concert Hall. Membership is by audition. Intended for students in 6th - 10th grade.

Repertory Orchestra: September 2026 - March 2027

The Wichita Repertory Orchestra provides musicians with the opportunity to perform orchestral masterpieces and contemporary film music. This intermediate full orchestra prepares its members for musical participation in the Youth Symphony. Repertory Orchestra rehearses on Sunday afternoons September 2026 - March 2027, with two performances at Century II Concert Hall. Membership is by audition. Intended for intermediate and advanced high school string, wind, brass, and percussion students.

Youth Symphony: September 2026 - March 2027

Founded in 1947, the Wichita Youth Symphony is recognized as the foremost youth orchestra in central Kansas, featuring the top students throughout the area. Members perform a wide variety of standard and emerging orchestral masterpieces, including full symphonic pieces and works by living composers. The Youth Symphony rehearses on Sunday afternoons September 2026 - March 2027, with two performances at Century II Concert Hall. Membership is by audition. Intended for advanced high school string, wind, brass, and percussion students.

