

# Meet the WSYO Ensembles

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## **WICHITA YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Founded in 1947, the Youth Symphony is recognized as the foremost youth orchestra in central Kansas and features top student musicians throughout south-central Kansas. Members perform a wide variety of standard and emerging orchestral masterpieces, including full symphonies and works by living composers. Members 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.

## **WICHITA REPERTORY ORCHESTRA**

The Repertory Orchestra provides members with the opportunity to perform orchestral masterpieces and contemporary film 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.

## **WICHITA YOUTH CHAMBER PLAYERS**

The Youth Chamber Players prepares young musicians to advance into the Repertory Orchestra 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 6 through 10.

## **WICHITA INTRODUCTORY STRING ORCHESTRA**

Our youngest orchestra, the Introductory String Orchestra is WSYO's smallest string orchestra, and it prepares young musicians to advance into the Youth Chamber Players and Repertory Orchestra as they grow and develop their skills. Members improve individual playing technique, develop ensemble skills, and gain valuable performing experience in a concentrated, small group setting. They perform two concerts at Century II Concert Hall each season. The Introductory String Orchestra is open to students entering grades 4 through 8.

## **WICHITA 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 rehearses on Monday evenings January – March, with a final performance at the Century II Concert Hall.

## **WICHITA YOUTH CONCERT BAND**

The Wichita Youth Concert Band consists of students in middle and early high school with at least one year of band experience. The Youth Concert Band focuses on supplementing band experience in our students’ musical growth by rehearsing fundamental ensemble skills side by side with peers and prepares talented young musicians to advance into the Youth Wind Ensemble, Repertory Orchestra, and Youth Symphony. The Youth Concert Band meets on Monday evenings March – May, with a final performance.