

Meet the Ensembles

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 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 participates in the WSYO Fall Educational Outreach Tour at local schools. 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 7 through 12.

A tour is being planned for the Youth Symphony to partner with the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony in the spring of 2019. More details will be made available as soon as possible. Participation in all tours is a requirement for membership in Youth Symphony.

WICHITA REPERTORY ORCHESTRA

Serving as the largest WSYO 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 and participate in the WSYO Fall Educational Outreach Tour to local schools. The Repertory Orchestra is open to students entering grades 7 through 12.

WICHITA 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 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 and participate in the WSYO Fall Educational Outreach Tour at local schools. The Youth Chamber Players is open to students entering grades 4 through 10.

WICHITA YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE

This is the flagship year for the 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.