

Johnstown Symphony Youth Orchestra

Attendance Policy

The most valuable contribution musicians can make to their ensemble is being present at rehearsals. Membership in the JSYO is a commitment to faithful, consistent, and punctual attendance. It is expected that rehearsals will be a high priority in each musician's life since each musician is holding a valuable place in the ensemble. Musicians should aim to be at rehearsal every week; it is no secret that the experience of everyone in the ensemble is at its peak on the weeks with few or no absences.

Absences

Musicians are allowed no more than 3 absences per semester. Those who have more than 3 absences may lose their privilege to play in the concert.

Petition for 4th absence

Anyone who needs to miss more than 3 rehearsals must send an email petition to Mr. Anderson no less than three weeks before the expected fourth absence. In the petition, state the reason for the requested absence along with an email address for an instructor involved with the conflicting event.

Arriving late/leaving early

Because of limited rehearsal time, starting promptly is very important. The listed time for the beginning of rehearsal is 10:00, but no one should actually arrive at 10:00. Please arrive between 9:25 and 9:50 to make sure you have a chair and stand in the right place, and to warm-up. This also allows an additional few minutes of practice.

2 instances of arriving late or leaving early count as 1 absence.

Dress Rehearsal

Students who miss the dress rehearsal (the Saturday before a performance) will not be able to participate in the performance

Managing your schedule

Compare the JSYO rehearsal and performance schedule with that of your other activities. Recognize where there are conflicts and discuss these with Mr. Anderson as early as possible. You may discover that a compromise is possible between the JSYO and another organization. However, the only way this becomes an option is if you *plan ahead*. When everyone in an ensemble makes the same level of commitment to attendance and effort, we will find ourselves making more and more progress together.



Johnstown Symphony Youth Orchestra Guidelines

1. Auditions for the Youth Orchestra will be held annually.
All players will be auditioned and every seat in the orchestra is open. Orchestra members will be selected on the basis of their auditions.

Auditions for the 2018/2019 Season are for all instruments and will be held at Westmont High School on June 2, 2018 from 10:00am-5:00pm (time approximate). The JSO Office will confirm your appointment by mail upon receipt of your application. Note: Those unable to attend on this date due to a school function can be scheduled at a later time. Call the JSO Office for more information. Applications due by May 22, 2018. Applications for the honors chamber ensembles are due by May 15, 2018.
2. Membership is open to players of orchestral instruments (strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion, no saxophones, guitars, or baritone horns) up to the age of twenty-one (21).
3. Audition Requirements:
 - Prepared piece of applicant's choice, no more than 5 minutes in length
 - excerpts from orchestral repertoire (Two short, contrasting excerpts of 1-2 minutes each). Excerpts are posted here: <http://www.johnstownsymphony.org/johnstown-symphony-youth-orchestra/>
 - Sight-reading, provided at the audition.
4. Upon acceptance, the member agrees to comply with the attendance policy as outlined in this brochure.
5. An \$80 membership fee should accompany this application. Fees for any student not selected to play in the JSYO will be returned.
6. In early July, all parts will be assigned and music available. Students are expected to learn their music in preparation for the first rehearsal. On Saturday, August 25, students will schedule a 10 min. playing "check-up" with Mr. Anderson to determine orchestra seating. More details on this will come later.
7. Members are responsible for bringing all music with them each week along with a pencil. Assigned music must be returned after the concert and in good condition.
8. The first Saturday, September 15, is an all-day retreat from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.
9. CONCERT DATES: TBA

Audition Application 2018-19

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Student Cell: _____
Student Email Address: _____
2018-2019 Grade in School: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____
Parent Home Phone: _____ Other Phone Contact: _____
Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____
Private Music Teacher: _____ Phone: _____
Orchestra Instrument: _____ Years of Study: _____
Do you own your instrument? _____
If you use a school instrument, will it be available for rehearsals and concerts? _____
Other Instruments you play: _____
Are you a member of your school band? _____ Orchestra? _____
Chorus? _____
School: _____
School Orchestra/Band Director: _____
_____ I am interested in auditioning for an honors chamber ensemble.

You will be notified of the assigned time.
Auditions will last approximately 10 minutes.

We have read the rules and regulations of the
Johnstown Symphony Youth Orchestra and agree to abide therewith.

Applicant's Signature: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Make checks payable to JSO and send with completed application to:

JSYO Auditions
Johnstown Symphony Orchestra
500 Galleria Drive, Suite 284
Johnstown, PA 15904
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