



Audition Information 2019-2020

Youth Orchestra Auditions will consist of the following:

Brief solo (approx. 1 minute) of your choice
Orchestra excerpts (provided by KSYO)
Sightreading and Scales

Scale minimum tempo requirements

♩=100 for all scales
♩=80 for scales demonstrating four spiccato strokes (off-string, bouncing) per quarter

Audition Preparation

Lessons. Seek lessons from your private teacher. Please notice that some excerpts may not have many (or any!) *extra markings* or *bowings*. Your private teacher can help you with those aspects, as well as give you valuable advice on how to successfully prepare for your audition!

Listen to at least three different recordings of your audition repertoire. Listening to recordings is an important step in preparation for an audition (the *more* recordings, the better). Also, it is helpful to **PLAY** a recording while you practice!

Tempo. Perform at the tempo indicated. If a tempo is not indicated, get a general sense of tempo from recordings, and from your orchestra director/band director/private lesson instructor.

Practice slowly, with a metronome. After several slow passes through the excerpts, start to play faster: 1/2 tempo, 3/4 tempo, then full tempo. Practice at speeds slower and faster than the tempi indicated.

Intonation. Keep listening, carefully, to your intonation while practicing.
Wind and Brass players: work with a tuner. If you do not have one, buy one! A tuner is an essential tool in becoming a better performer.

Musicianship. Be careful to observe accents, dynamics, accidentals, written instructions and other musical aspects notated on the music. Knowledge of additional performance practices and traditions are important as well. Pay attention to all details in the music. Read the music carefully and don't take anything for granted. Play musically once technique is established.

Be sure to get good *bowings* on all excerpts!

Beethoven: Symphony No. 5, second movement, mm. 1-10

Andante con moto ♩ = 92

The image displays two musical excerpts from the second movement of Beethoven's Symphony No. 5. The first excerpt, measures 1-6, is written in bass clef, 3/8 time, and B-flat major. It features a continuous eighth-note pattern with slurs and accents. The dynamic marking is *p dolce*. The second excerpt, measures 7-10, begins with a fermata on the first measure. It contains a half note followed by a quarter note, and then a half note followed by two eighth notes. The dynamic markings are *f (sub.) p*, *f*, and *p*.

Beethoven: Symphony No. 5, third movement
pickup to mm. 141-177
pickup to mm. 198-218

137 *unis.*
p *f*

147

158 1. 2. *f*

166

175 1 2 3 4 5 6

188 *Vcllo* **B**
Cb. *f*

198 *unis.*
dimin. *p*

207 *sempre più p* 8