

Strauss Performing Arts Center

OAYO Auditions 2026-2027

ENSEMBLES, DATES, AND TIMES

All rehearsals held at UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center

YOUTH CONCERT STRINGS

Sundays from September to March, 4:15-6:00 p.m.

An intermediate level, string orchestra. Typically includes students in grades 4-8.

Audition requirements: *scales, 1-2 minute solo or etude, and required excerpt.*

YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Sundays from September to March, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Musicians typically in grades 7-12 who demonstrate an expanded set of abilities specific to their instrument. Full orchestra (brass, woodwinds, strings, percussion).

Audition requirements: *scales, solo or etude, and required excerpt.*

YOUTH SYMPHONY

Sundays from September to May, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Typically, students in grades 9-12 who demonstrate the full range of abilities specific to their instrument. Full orchestra (brass, woodwinds, strings, percussion).

Audition requirements: *scales, solo or etude, and required excerpt.*

CHAMBER MUSIC

An optional add on to the OAYO program offered at no cost to members of YCS, YP, and YS.

Specific information regarding audition requirements can be seen by scanning the QR at right.



AUDITIONS

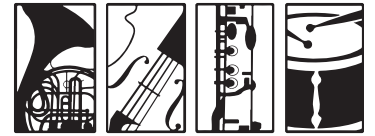
Students will be placed in the ensemble that is the best fit for them based on 1) their audition and 2) balancing instrumentation between the ensembles (woodwinds, brass, and percussion). OAYO strives to place each student in an ensemble that is the best fit for their demonstrated skill level. Please note: If a student prepares an excerpt for a particular ensemble, and it is determined that ensemble is not the right fit for the student, they may be considered for a spot in another OAYO orchestra (for example, if a student prepares the excerpt for YS, they can be considered for YP or YCS).

There is no fee to audition for OAYO.

Please scan the QR for audition guidelines, including required excerpts, and the audition online submission portal.

DEADLINES

Auditions are due by June 1. Students will be notified of acceptance by July 1.



COST

While there is considerable cost associated with delivering high quality musical experiences, we have done our best to make this program accessible. To that end, there is a two-tiered structure that allows families to choose the tuition that is right for them. Families may select the tier they choose to pay (see below). Additionally, there is a OAYO Scholarship Assistance Program, which is designed to provide access for as many students as possible, regardless of financial situation. This is a “pay what you can” scholarship program pending available funds. Scholarship information, including the process, will be shared with students upon selection to an OAYO ensemble.

Amounts below are for the 2026-2027 season. Payments can be paid in full or can be set up in monthly payments:

Youth Symphony Tier A \$1,285

Youth Symphony Tier B \$985

Youth Philharmonic Tier A \$1,085

Youth Philharmonic Tier B \$835

Youth Concert Strings Tier A \$985

Youth Concert Strings Tier B \$735

NEXT STEPS

Please scan this QR code to be added to a list to receive audition information



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