



2021-2022 Season Auditions

STRING BASS

Audition/Acceptance Requirements

1. Audition Eligibility: Students in grades 5-12 in the 2021-2022 (upcoming) school year; AND students in grade 12 in the 2020-2021 (current) school year. *Current 12th grade students (2020/2021) are allowed, encouraged and invited to audition and participate in 2021-2022!*
2. Students must register to audition by May 10, 2021.
Audition registration links and information can be found at www.youthsymphonykc.org
3. Once your initial registration is complete you will receive an email with links and directions for uploading your video audition.
(As of 2020 all YSKC acceptance auditions are administered via video.)
4. Audition/acceptance videos must be uploaded/received by May 15, 2021.

What should you prepare and record?

1) Solo of your choice (2-3 minutes)

Solo choice should best display your highest playing ability. This can be an entire 2-3 minute solo or 2-3 minutes of a longer piece. Video recording does not need to have piano accompaniment. However, you can submit a video with piano accompaniment. Video can be from a school or studio recital or other public performance. This is your chance to really put your best "musical foot forward" and shine! Memorization is not required.

2) Choice of attached excerpts

Choice of one of the attached excerpts. Excerpt choice should be based on 2020/2021 school year and can best display your highest level of playing ability. Memorization is not required.

What happens after I submit my acceptance/audition videos?

1. Judges will listen to your video recordings and recommend program acceptance and ensemble placement. Judges will rate your performance in the areas of tone quality, pitch accuracy, rhythm, technique, intonation, expression, and preparedness.
2. Acceptance and ensemble placement is based on criteria listed above in addition to grade level, instrumentation needs and orchestra/ensemble availability.
3. Program acceptance and ensemble rosters will be posted at youthsymphonykc.org by June 1, 2021.
4. Accepted students will receive detailed season information, season registration, and rehearsal/concert schedules after June 1.

Previous participation the Youth Symphony of Kansas City does not guarantee acceptance or ensemble placement. All ensemble placements are final. Scoring, judge comments and recommendations are not discussed with students, parents, private teachers and/or school music teachers.



2021-2022 Season Auditions

STRING BASS

Audition/Acceptance Requirements

Instructions for recording and submitting your acceptance videos:

- Videos can be produced using a cell phone, computer or other audio/video recording device. Please make sure to test audio quality before recording and eventual submission/upload.
- Each student auditioning will be required to submit two separate videos. One video will include your solo of choice and the other will include the excerpt of choice.
- Solos and excerpts do not need to be memorized.
- No verbal communication is allowed on your video. Please do not identify yourself or speak during the recording process. Students verbalizing or talking in any form during their video recording will be disqualified.
- Please do not play behind a music stand, screen, partition or wall. Brass and woodwind players must have mouthpiece, hands and fingers all in focus on video recording. String students must have both left and right hands in video at all times.
- After recording your two videos please upload separately to YOUTUBE and mark both as UNLISTED.
- You will submit your UNLISTED YOUTUBE VIDEO links to the website listed in the email you received after your initial acceptance/audition registration. Audition videos cannot be accepted via email.
- It is highly recommended that you test your YouTube links by having at least 2-3 other individuals open the links and check for you.
- Video upload submissions are due by 11:59 PM on May 15, 2021. However, you are more than welcome to upload videos at your earliest convenience up until May 15th.
- Questions? Please contact Russ Pieken at rpieken@youthsymphonykc.org

STRING BASS

Audition/Acceptance Requirements

Please select ONE excerpt to prepare and record

*All grade levels based on 2020-2021 school year.

*Select, prepare and video record the excerpt that best displays your playing ability and level.

*Students should consult with teachers and recordings of excerpts to determine appropriate style, tempo and phrasing.

Excerpt I (Grades 5 - 8 Only)

WAGNER/ARR. MEYER - *March of the Meistersingers*

Maestoso

The musical score is written for a string bass in bass clef, 4/4 time, and D major. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and contains a circled measure number 7. The second staff contains a circled measure number 14 and a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The third staff begins with a circled measure number 4. The fourth staff concludes with a decrescendo hairpin.

STRING BASS

Audition/Acceptance Requirements

Excerpt II (Grades 5 - 8 Only)

VIVALDI/ARR. FRACKENPOHL - *Allegro in D for Strings*

The musical score is written for a string bass in bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The second staff is marked with the measure number 6 and contains a boxed section labeled 'A'. The third staff is marked with the measure number 11 and includes fingering numbers 4, 2, and 4 above specific notes. The fourth staff is marked with the measure number 16 and contains a boxed section labeled 'B', starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, and includes some rests and articulation marks.

STRING BASS

Audition/Acceptance Requirements

Excerpt III (Grades 8 - 12 Only)

BEETHOVEN— *Symphony No. 7 (2nd Movement)*

pp *sempre pp*

Excerpt IV (Grades 8 - 12 Only)

MAHLER— *Symphony No. 1 (3rd Movement)*

1 (Pauken) *Feierlich und gemessen, ohne zu schleppen.* **START** *SOLO* *mit Dämpfer*