



YOUTH Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes & JUNIOR STRING ENSEMBLE

2020-21 Audition Video Submission Guidelines

Deadline: September 10, 12:00 PM

Audition Requirements

- Solo, no longer than 5 minutes (make appropriate cuts if necessary)
 - Youth Orchestra: NYSSMA Level 5 or 6
 - Junior String Ensemble: NYSSMA Level 3 or 4
- Scales
 - Youth Orchestra
 - Strings: 2 three octave scales, contrasting bowings and rhythms
 - Woodwinds/Brass: 2 two octave scales
 - Junior String Ensemble
 - 3 scales (at least 1 flat key and 1 sharp key)
- Excerpt *YO only*
 - Will be emailed on September 14
 - Set up a meeting on Zoom with Augusto

Recording Guidelines

- Find a quiet room to record in.
- Record in front of a neutral backdrop. Tidy up and minimize visual distractions behind you.
- Make sure the room is well lit. Avoid back lighting.
- Place your recording device at least 8-10 feet away for better audio quality. (If your space is too small, simply place as far away as possible.)
- If using a phone, please use the forward facing (not selfie) camera. Please record in landscape (wide) orientation.
- Your entire body should be included in the video. This helps the conductors assess technique and posture, whether you are sitting or standing.

Final Advice

As you prep for a video audition, keep in mind that the impression you leave the conductors matters just as much as if you were doing a live, in-person audition. Dress professionally and sound your best. Like an audition, give yourself the space to make a mistake here and there. We aren't looking for perfection—we are looking for musicality and potential.

Video Submission

Upload your video to YouTube as "Unlisted." Send the link to info@osfl.org by September 10, 2020 at noon.