

# **YOUTH** Orchestra & OF THE SOUTHERN FINGER LAKES **JUNIOR STRING ENSEMBLE**

Auditions 2022-2023

## **Background**

The Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes supports two youth ensembles for student orchestra musicians: the Youth Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes and the Junior String Ensemble. The Youth Orchestra, conducted by OSFL concertmaster, Augusto Diemecke, provides advanced challenges and opportunities for high school musicians. The Junior String Ensemble acts as a training opportunity and stepping stone to joining the Youth Orchestra.

## **Eligibility & Audition Requirements**

**Youth Orchestra** – High school or extremely advanced middle school string, woodwind, brass, and percussion students. Students are recommended to play at approximately NYSSMA Level 5 or higher. Students will be asked to play a prepared solo selection, without accompaniment, scales, and an orchestral excerpt (provided).

Scale requirements include:

Violin – all major scales in 2 octaves

1<sup>st</sup> violin – G, A, B-flat, C major in 3 octaves, spiccato (4 bounces per note)

Viola & Cello – C, D, E-flat major in 3 octaves, all other major scales in 2 octaves

String Bass – E, F, G, A-flat, A, B-flat, B, C major scales

Brass & Woodwinds – all major scales in 2 octaves

**Junior String Ensemble** – advanced elementary, middle school, and younger high school string students. Students are recommended to play at approximately NYSSMA Level 3 to 4, and able to play in keys of up to three flats and sharps. Beginning shifting is a must. Students will be asked to play a prepared solo selection, without accompaniment, and scales.

**Video Auditions:** Submit a video recording of a 2-minute solo selection, and 1 scale of choice. Youth Orchestra applicants should also include the provided orchestral excerpt.

Applications, application fee, and videos due by **noon on Friday, August 12, 2022.**

## **Participation**

Once accepted, participation in the Youth Orchestra or Junior String Ensemble, will include weekly rehearsals throughout the school year to prepare for three public concerts, including a side-by-side performance with the OSFL at the March concert. To participate students will be required to pay tuition:

Youth Orchestra - \$240

Junior String Ensemble - \$180

We want to make certain that financial concerns do not prevent any student musicians from participating in either ensemble. Tuition assistance and payment plans are available for those facing financial challenges.

## The Application

Complete this form and mail it, along with the \$15 application fee to the address below. Audition videos should be submitted to [info@osfl.org](mailto:info@osfl.org). Applications without the application fee will not be processed. One application per student is required. Email addresses are mandatory and are the primary form of communication.

Student name \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Auditioning for: Youth Orchestra \_\_\_\_\_ Junior String Ensemble \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a returning member? yes no How many years have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_

If you were in the Junior String Ensemble what year did you join? \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone & Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School attending in the fall \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Year graduating \_\_\_\_\_

Parents name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Any other phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Music teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Music teacher Phone & Email \_\_\_\_\_

\$15 Application Fee:

Check enclosed

Paid online

Paid by phone on date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail your application to: OSFL, PO Box 15, Corning, NY 14830**

**Or apply online at: <https://www.osfl.org/youth-ensemble-auditions--tuition.html>**

**Or email your application and video to: [info@osfl.org](mailto:info@osfl.org)**

For more information, email [info@osfl.org](mailto:info@osfl.org) or call 607-936-2873.

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