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Auditions

Auditions are held each spring during the months of April and May. The annual audition requirements and application information are available online at www.csyo.net or you may call 704-714-5124.



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Scholarship Opportunities

The Symphony Guild of Charlotte provides grants to assist members with annual tuition costs. A limited amount of financial assistance is available each season. Financial aid applications can be obtained from the Symphony Guild of Charlotte upon acceptance into the youth orchestras program. Applications will be reviewed and assistance awarded on a confidential basis by the Symphony Guild of Charlotte, Inc.

Other scholarship opportunities are available through the Symphony Guild of Charlotte and the Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra's Parents Association.



CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY *Youth Orchestras*

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CharlotteSymphonyYouthOrchestra

The **Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestras** are educational components of the **Charlotte Symphony Orchestra (CSO)**. The orchestras offer Charlotte area students a unique performing experience in which talented young musicians obtain musical training in a semi-professional ensemble setting.

About The Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestras

The **Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra** is open to students in grades 8 through 12, although exceptions will be made for very advanced younger students to be members. The Youth Orchestra

rehearses on Monday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 pm from late August to early June. The group performs an average of six concerts per year. At the beginning of each season, CSYO members are required to attend a free five day residential summer camp.

The **Junior Youth Orchestra** is for students from grades 4 through 9. This highly successful orchestra provides training sessions which will cover all of the basics of being an orchestral musician. The orchestra meets on Saturday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 pm from late September through early May. The group performs an average of three concerts per year. There is also a one-day "mini-camp" in the fall with intensive rehearsals and recreational activities.

**All rehearsals for the JYO and CSYO are held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church at 3200 Park Road, Charlotte.*



Benefits of being in the Youth Orchestra Programs

- * Each section of the orchestra is coached throughout the year by members of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra.
- * Master classes with renowned guest artists.
- * Youth Festival - The CSYO performs alongside the members of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra.
- * Young Artists Competition (sponsored by the Symphony Guild of Charlotte, Inc.)
- * Free residential summer camp in July/August for CSYO (funded by the Symphony Guild of Charlotte, Inc.)
- * Perform challenging orchestral repertoire, such as: Berlioz Symphonie Fantastique, Dvorák Symphonies, Sibelius Symphony No. 1, Prokofiev Romeo and Juliet, DeFalla Three Cornered Hat, and Mussorgsky Pictures at an Exhibition
- * Scholarship opportunities
- * "Family Pass" to CSO Classical series. A special ticket package for CSYO/JYO members and their families.
- * The CSYO has performed at Festival in the Park, Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC, SouthPark Summer Pops concerts, and Carnegie Hall in New York City.



Dr. Ernest Pereira, conductor

Dr. Ernest Pereira, a violinist with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, has been conductor of the Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestras since 1988. A native of South Africa, he holds a Performer's and Teacher's Licentiates from the University of South Africa, BM and MM degrees from the Cleveland Institute and a DMA from the University of Texas at Austin.

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