



Welcome to the Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra!

Thank you for auditioning for Boise's premier Youth Symphonic Orchestra.

AUDITIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON MAY 11-14.

If these dates are absolutely non-workable, please e-mail education@boisephilharmonic.org and we will try to work to hear you at another time.

Please carefully read each document in the audition packet and be mindful of the due dates listed. This packet includes:

1. Audition Guidelines and Requirements
2. BPYO Membership Guidelines
3. **Publication consent form**

***all forms in red are REQUIRED at the first rehearsal**

Please be sure to fill out and electronically sign all required forms and have them submitted no later than **April 21, 2017**. There will also be a link for online payment of your audition deposit.

There is a \$25.00 audition deposit. If you are accepted into BPYO, this can be applied to your early tuition of \$150.00. Please make checks payable to the Boise Philharmonic and specify **your student's name and "BPYO audition"** in the note. We will make online payment available on the application page.

Audition times will be assigned by May 1, 2017. Parents and/or students will be contacted via e-mail about their audition slot at that time. **Please provide a valid e-mail address.**

Please contact Lauren Folkner at education@boisephilharmonic.org for more information if needed.



Audition Guidelines and Requirements

Please prepare the following for your audition:

1. Major scales up to 4 sharps and 4 flats. (C, D, E-flat, E, F, G, A-flat, A, and B-flat majors)
2. A solo of your choice
3. Prepared excerpts from Verdi's La Forza del Destino
 - a. Please refer to the website for your instrument's specific excerpts and downloadable music. <http://boisephil.org/education/youth-orchestra>

Guidelines:

1. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your audition time to check in.
2. Auditions will be held at the Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy.
3. Practice rooms will be available for you to warm up in. You must be present outside the rehearsal hall for your audition 2 minutes prior to your assigned time.
4. You will have approximately 10 minutes for your audition. You may be cut-off due to time constraints.

Please bring:

1. 2 copies of your solo selection for the judging panel.

BPYO Membership Guidelines 2016-2017

The purpose of the Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra is:

1. To provide talented, accomplished young musicians from throughout the Treasure Valley with outstanding musical training and experience through full orchestra rehearsals and performances.
2. To enhance and develop current and future arts participation by our youth.
3. To enhance the cultural life of the Treasure Valley by providing excellent performances of the orchestral music.

Adherence to the following membership will assure the Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra fulfills its purpose in a manner reflecting the highest standards, increasing the musical growth, confidence and pride of its members.

1. **TUITION:** Yearly tuition is \$150.00. Please make checks payable to the Boise Philharmonic, or pay online. Please specify the student name at "BPYO tuition" in the note. Please bring this tuition to the first rehearsal. Your audition deposit can be deducted from this amount.
2. **REHEARSALS GUIDELINES:**
Monday evenings from 4:00 PM – 6:15 PM at the Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy.
 Please visit the website often to stay up to date on any changes.
 - Musicians need to arrive 10 minutes early so tuning may begin on time.
 - Always have a pencil so you may properly note music for changes and instruction from the Music Director. Full attention will be given to the Music Director during the entire rehearsal, with emphasis on retention of instructions
 - Cell phone and all electronic devices must be put away inside cases, backpacks or bags as to not cause distraction. (Not on stands, not in pockets, AWAY!)
Should these be a distraction, they will be confiscated until rehearsal is finished.
3. **ADEQUATE PREPERATION:**
 - Come prepared to rehearsal. **Practice your music!** Rehearsal is the time for you to listen and learn everyone else's part, not your own.
 - Your instrument should be properly maintained and all necessary tools should be with you for rehearsals. (Mutes, valve oil, a selection of good reeds, spare strings, etc.)
4. **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**
 - You must attend all scheduled events and are responsible to know the dates and times you are to be present to each event.
 - Missing **two rehearsals** either excused or unexcused per concert may result in suspension for that concert or dismissal from the BPYO.
 - Two tardies equal one unexcused absence.** Tardy = not seated by 4:00 PM.

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-Acceptable reasons for excused absences are fever, vomiting, or a death in the family, with a prior email or phone call being mandatory. College auditions and/or competitions are acceptable with prior consent.

-Known rehearsal conflicts must be submitted **2 weeks before** the conflict date by email to the Music Director.

-If a rehearsal must be missed due to emergency, the musician or parent will notify the Music Director and the Education Coordinator through email or the Boise Philharmonic office (344-7849) before 3:30 PM or as soon as possible.

-**Missing dress rehearsal** will result in suspension from that concert and likely dismissal from the BPYO.

Some school concerts scheduled by the student's large ensemble teachers on our rehearsal night may be excused rehearsals from the BPYO. BPYO rehearsals cannot be missed for school rehearsals. The only exception might be marching band. Missing BPYO rehearsals or concerts for general non-music programs will be unexcused.

5. **CONCERT DRESS:**
- For Gentlemen: -Black tuxedo or black suit pressed and clean.
 -White dress or tuxedo shirt pressed and clean.
 -Black dress bow tie, NO DECORATIONS.
 -Black dress socks, matched and clean.
 -Black DRESS shoes with black soles.
- For Ladies: -Black full length dressy outfit. Long (ankle or floor length) dress, or black DRESS blouse and black DRESS slacks/long black skirt.
 -Sleeves must be three-quarter length or longer.
 -Black hosiery and DRESS black shoes.
 -Please avoid flashy or glittery jewelry.
- For all:** Please do not wear any perfume or cologne, as some people are allergic to scent.
6. **PARTICIPATION:** -BPYO members must be involved in school instrumental programs, private study and lessons are also strongly encouraged.
 -The Music Director will be in touch with your program directors and private teachers—particularly about things you are doing well!
7. **ATTENTION AND CONSIDERATION:** All consideration and attention will be given to individual members and specific problems when possible. HOWEVER, priority must be given to the needs of the orchestra as a whole. Any individual member may be moved within a section, or dismissed from the orchestra at the direction of the Music Director for failure to follow any of the membership guidelines or for failure to maintain musical requirements of the orchestra.



Publication Consent

I consent for my minor child's photo, concert video or recordings to be used in connection with the published news articles, promotions, grant proposals, sponsor activities, or any other distributed media concerning the Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra in the 2016-2017 season.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date