

 FOX VALLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION INC  
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## Fox Valley Symphony Youth Orchestras 2012 AUDITION SCHEDULES

### Philharmonia

String students

Appleton North HS • Sunday, April 15, 2012

### Concert Orchestra

String students

Appleton North HS • Sunday, April 15, 2012

### Youth Orchestra

String Students

Appleton North HS • Sunday, April 15, 2012

Woodwind, Brass, Percussion

Appleton North HS • Sunday, April 22, 2012

Please use the form attached to this brochure  
and send it to: Fox Valley Symphony  
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# Youth Orchestras



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**Audition Application Deadline: March 26, 2012**



## Why the FVSYO?

If you are a dedicated young musician and enjoy performing music at a high level with others, you are strongly encouraged to apply. The Fox Valley Symphony Youth Orchestras program offers you a rich and rewarding experience, creating high-quality music. You have the chance to meet new friends with similar interests from different area schools, while working on your technique and artistic development. Our conductors are highly-respected teachers that have a reputation of excellence in our community. In addition, students will enjoy regular sectional coaching from experienced music educators and professional musicians.

## Auditions

Submit your application to the Fox Valley Symphony Youth Orchestras Office at 111 W. College Ave., Suite 550, Appleton, WI 54911. All students should prepare a solo (about 3 minutes in length, no accompaniment), and provide the adjudicator with a copy of the solo. Your audition will also consist of scales. Scale requirements can be found at [www.foxvalleysymphony.com](http://www.foxvalleysymphony.com) (Click on Youth & Education)

You will be notified by mail no later than the middle of May if you were accepted into one of the orchestras. Weekly rehearsals are held in the afternoons on Sundays. The Youth Orchestra, Concert Orchestra and Philharmonia rehearse at Appleton North High School. Rehearsals usually begin the first Sunday after Labor Day and each semester is 10 weeks in length.

## Concerts, Outreach & Retreat

All three groups present a concert in November and again in March at the Lawrence Memorial Chapel at Lawrence University. The Philharmonia and Concert Orchestra also go on a tour to area businesses and schools in March. This serves as a “dress rehearsal” in preparation for the concert as well as an opportunity to showcase our wonderful program and talented students. The retreat in fall is an all day event held in September consisting of rehearsals, master classes, activities and lots of fun.



## Tuition

Annual tuition is \$335 for the Youth Orchestra, \$330 to perform with the Concert Orchestra and \$235 for Philharmonia. There is also a separate \$30 non-refundable activity fee. No qualified student musician will be excluded because of financial need. Contact us if you require a financial aid application.

**Philharmonia - The Beginning Orchestra.** Students are introduced to the orchestral experience and repertoire. They learn to come together and work on a level of classical repertoire that is supplementary to the school setting. It is open to string students and the suggested level is 7-10th grade by September 1st of the new school year. The group performs music for string orchestra at the advanced middle school level and students receive regular sectional coaching. Applicants should have two years of orchestra experience and perform individually at an advanced middle school level. *We recommend that students first participate in the ASTRO string ensemble through the Lawrence Academy of Music.*

**Concert Orchestra - The Growth Orchestra.** Led by conductor Greg Austin, students in this orchestra are stretched to grow further as musicians. They continue to work on discipline, commitment and increasingly difficult repertoire. It is open to string students and the suggested level is 8-12th grade by September 1st of the new school year. Concert Orchestra performs orchestral literature at the standard to upper high school level and members receive regular sectional coaching on the repertoire. Applicants should have three or more years of orchestral experience and perform individually at an advanced high school level.

**Youth Orchestra - The Showcase Symphony.** Led by conductor Seong-Kyung Graham, students in this orchestra are already highly accomplished musicians and are now ready to focus primarily on the nuances of music. They play professional-level music and enter with a strong drive to play orchestral music with discipline and a high-level of musicality. It is open to string, woodwind, brass and percussion students and the suggested level is 9-12th grade by September 1st of the new school year. Applicants should have several years of band or orchestra experience and perform individually at an advanced high school or pre-college level. Students receive regular sectional coaching by professional musicians.

