

# CYO Audition Requirements

## Symphony Strings

1. **Solo Pieces:** Prepare a 2 1/2 -3 minute section for each of two (2) contrasting pieces, one showing virtuosity, the other slow melodic playing. Strings can choose from any of the standard concerti, sonatas, or other solo repertoire for their respective instruments.

**Examples of suggested composers:** Mozart, Bach, Mendelssohn, Kreisler, Beethoven, Dvorak, Brahms, Lalo, Saint-Saëns, Vieuxtemps, Sarasate, Bruch, Paganini, and Massenet.

This is not a complete list but represents a broad spectrum of representative styles and periods. If you are choosing a concerto, you do not need to prepare the cadenza. For multi-movement works, please prepare the 1st movement.

**Please bring a copy of your solo pieces so that our conductor may follow along.**

2. **Scales:** Choose two (2) major scales, one with sharps and one with flats. Choose one (1) minor scale, either melodic or harmonic form.

**Please see the Civic Youth Orchestra website for Symphony Strings scales.**

3. **Sight Reading:** Some sight-reading will be provided at the audition.