

Dear Musician,

Fall 2017

Welcome and thank you for your interest in the Illinois Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra. We're excited that you'll be preparing to play with us in the fall. Please use this as a guide in your preparation of the audition excerpts for your instrument.

Excerpts: Visit our website ivyouthsymphony.org and click on the "audition" tab at the top. At the bottom of the page select and print the excerpts for your instrument. You may also request a physical copy by emailing ivysorchestra@gmail.com or calling our orchestra manager, Delle Vercimak 630-846-0094 .

Preparation: Always take your excerpts to your private teacher if you have one. Pay careful attention to details such as articulation, tempo (if marked), dynamics, and tone quality. Remember a well prepared audition, though under tempo, is more representative of your playing than attempting a tempo that you're not ready to play.

Schedule an Audition Time: Audition times are available on Saturday and Sunday, August 26-27, 2017. Please call orchestra manager, Delle Vercimak at 630-946-0094 or email the orchestra ivysorchestra@gmail.com to request your audition time. Each audition will take 8-10 minutes. We'll work with you to find an audition time that works for you. You may print this letter and record your audition details below.

My audition time: Date _____ **Time** _____

Audition Day: The day of your audition you should arrive to the YMCA 15-20 minutes early to fill out your registration form, pay tuition, and warm up before your audition. There will be signs at the YMCA guiding you to the correct rooms. We will provide stands and a common place to warm up. It is appropriate to dress nicely for your audition. It doesn't have to be fancy (jeans are fine), but we suggest that you refrain from sports attire as you represent your hard work. There will be a waiting area where family members and friends can wait during your audition.

Bring!: Your instrument

Audition excerpts

Prepared solo piece no longer than 8 minutes demonstrating your abilities

Other suggestions for your personal comfort might include: water bottle, metronome, tuner

Audition Results: Audition results will be posted online and on our Facebook page as soon as they are available sometime on Sunday afternoon/evening. We encourage everyone to audition because there is a place for you in our ensemble no matter what your abilities are.

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Rehearsals are held at Westclox Fine Arts Factory (Music Suite 408) 408 Fifth Street, Peru, IL 61354. Please see our season calendar available on our website for a complete list of our rehearsals and concerts.