

## Should I audition?

If you are between the ages of 10 and 18 and enjoy performing quality music at a high level with other musicians, we encourage you to audition. We hope that the Youth Orchestras will not only be fun, but that they will help you become the best musician you can be and help you to contribute more to your school band or orchestra.

## I've decided to audition; what next?

Get the audition materials and practice, practice, practice! Go to [DSSO.com](http://DSSO.com) and click on "DSSO Youth" in the upper left corner. You can find the instructions for the excerpts for your instrument on this page and information on what to do next. If you need a hard copy of the excerpts, please email [youthorchestras@dssso.com](mailto:youthorchestras@dssso.com). In addition to the required excerpts, you should prepare a two minute solo for your instrument.

## Sign up to audition!

Instructions on how to sign up online for an audition are found at [dssso.com](http://dssso.com) by clicking the "DSSO Youth" tab in the upper left hand corner, or you may call the DSSO office, 218-623-3776 if you need further assistance.

## Audition time!

Arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled audition time. Bring 2 copies\* of your solo for the audition committee along with a completed membership application form (found on the "Youth Orchestras Auditions" page)

(\*Photocopies are acceptable. There will not be a copier on site to use during auditions.)

## How will I learn if I've been accepted?

Results will be mailed to all auditionees by mid to late summer.

### Rehearsals begin

**Monday, Sept. 11 at 8:30pm.**

Concert Orchestra and Youth Symphony rehearse at The College of St. Scholastica. Sinfonia rehearses at First United Methodist (Coppertop) Church.

# Audition Dates

## 2017-2018 Season

### Violins and Violas

Monday, May 15, 2017

6:50pm-9:10pm

Monday, May 22, 2017

6:50pm-9:10pm

Saturday, June 3, 2017

9:00am – 4:00pm

### Cellos and Basses

Monday, May 15, 2017

4:30pm-6:00pm

Monday, May 22, 2017

4:30pm-6:00pm

Monday, June 5, 2017

6pm – 8pm

### Woodwinds, Brass

### and Percussion

Friday, May 19, 2017

4:30-6:30pm

Saturday, May 20, 2017

9:00am – 1pm

Thursday, June 8, 2017

4pm-7pm

*Auditions are held at  
The College of St. Scholastica*

[www.dssso.com](http://www.dssso.com)

218-623-3771



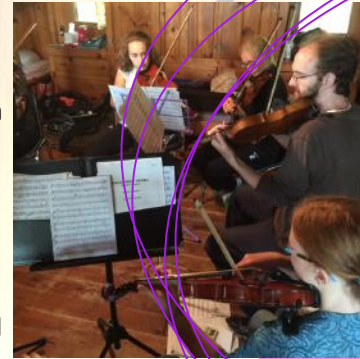
## What the DSSYO is all about...

For more than 75 years, thousands of young musicians throughout the Northland have found inspiration in the Duluth Superior Symphony Youth Orchestras. Members are chosen from among the finest musicians within the region through annual competitive auditions. Students accepted in the Youth Orchestras Program develop their music skills through a variety of experiences with the DSSO's conducting staff and DSSO members in rehearsals, sectionals, and side-by-side performances.



The **Fall Retreats** are a very important part of DSSYO experience. They provide the opportunity to rehearse music in detail during sectionals led by DSSO musicians and in extended orchestra rehearsals.

Youth Symphony members attend an overnight, weekend retreat in the Fall. This date will be announced when you receive your acceptance letter. Sinfonia and Concert Orchestra members attend a one-day retreat on a Saturday in the early Fall. Transportation, lodging and meals, plus coaching from DSSO musicians is all included in your tuition.



## How much will it cost?

Annual tuition for the 2017-2018 season is \$450 for Youth Symphony members, and \$300 for Concert Orchestra and Sinfonia members inclusive of coaching and the Fall Retreat.

Tuition (or a first payment) is due October 1 (a monthly payment plan can be arranged).

Students residing fifty or more miles from Duluth or who are unable to pay the full tuition may request a partial waiver via written request to Rebecca Petersen, Executive Director of the DSSO, by October 1. [rpetersen@dssso.com](mailto:rpetersen@dssso.com)

Additional scholarship opportunities are available through **St. Louis County 4-H's The Incredible Exchange**. For further details contact Katie Olean with St. Louis County at 218-733-2876 or [kolean@umn.edu](mailto:kolean@umn.edu)  
**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 30, 2017**

## training orchestras

The Sinfonia is a string orchestra, while both the Youth Symphony and Concert Orchestra are full symphonic orchestras which include woodwinds, brass, percussion, and strings.

Acceptance and placement for each orchestra will be based on audition results. Students will be placed according to proficiency level and musical and artistic ability.



As part of the **DSSO family**, Youth Orchestras members will receive tickets to most Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra concerts and receive small group coaching from DSSO members and other professional musicians.

## concert series

**Fall Concert**  
November 19, 2017  
3pm

**Lollipop Concert**  
March 18, 2018  
3pm - DECC Symphony Hall

**Spring Concert**  
May 6, 2018  
3pm

## chamber ensembles

### Percussion Ensemble

The DSSO Youth Percussion Ensemble (YPE) functions as a component of the overall Youth Orchestras program. Students split rehearsal time between the orchestras and the YPE. The YPE explores diverse realms of music influenced by classical, jazz, and popular music.

### Camerata Strings

Camerata Strings is a small chamber ensemble made up of advanced string players from Youth Symphony. Camerata Strings performs at various venues and functions throughout the season.

*Auditions for this group will be held after the Retreat.*

