



The mission of the Ottumwa Symphony Youth Orchestra is to provide a rewarding orchestra music experience for young musicians in the greater Ottumwa area who wish to expand their knowledge of symphonic repertoire, as well as participate in superior musical performances with a professional and dynamic conductor.

Participation in the Youth Orchestra builds upon the musical instruction students receive through their private lessons and school music programs. Young musicians audition in September for Ottumwa Youth Orchestra Personnel, who determine appropriate orchestra placement. There is also the opportunity to join the orchestra at the second semester in which case the tuition would be \$125, payable at the audition held one week prior to the first rehearsal at the end of January.

The Symphonic Orchestra

Instructor: Yixue “Snow” Zhang

Age: Grades 7-12

Dates: September – May

Time: Sundays 2 – 5:00 pm

Location: Bridge View Center, Ottumwa, Iowa

Audition Fee: \$10

Tuition: \$250 per school year

- The Symphonic Orchestra provides a unique, full orchestral experience for talented high school musicians in Southeast Iowa and Northeast Missouri.
- Participation in this group promotes a top-notch musical experience through the study and performance of standard orchestral repertoire and contemporary works. The Symphonic Orchestra performs at least two concerts during their season.
- Membership is open to dedicated musicians in grades 7-12, playing standard orchestral instruments.
- Musicians should be comfortable playing key signatures of 1-3 sharps and 1-3 flats and have a functioning vibrato (strings) – preferred but not mandatory.

TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES

Tuition is due as described below. Checks should be made payable to the Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra. To expedite tuition payments, please include the student's name in your checks memo field. For parents/guardians wishing to pay by credit card, your credit card number will be kept securely on file for all tuition payments and receipts will be provided via mail.

Tuition Payment Options

- One payment: Full tuition due at first rehearsal _____
- Two payments: ½ tuition due at first rehearsal in the fall and ½ tuition due January 28th, 2024.
- Custom payment plan: Please choose this option if you are seeking a scholarship. The manager, Luke Miller, will contact you to discuss terms.

Scholarships

Once accepted, no student shall be excluded from participating in an OSYO ensemble solely due to the inability to pay tuition and fees. Scholarships are available, and following acceptance, families may first indicate their need for financial assistance on the OSYO registration forms.

AUDITION DATES & TIMES

Auditions will be held at Bridge View Center, 102 Church Street, Ottumwa, IA. January 21, 2024 beginning at 1:00 pm. Please call 641-680-3126 to secure your time slot.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance at every rehearsal is expected except in the case of illness or family emergency. The conductor may ask you to provide an audio "report" of your portion of the assigned music.

POLICIES REGARDING SAFETY, MEDICAL RELEASES, PUBLICITY RELEASES, REHEARSAL CANCELLATION ETC.

Release forms for the use of pictures taken during rehearsals or concerts will be distributed at the first rehearsal.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Student Information

Name _____

Date of birth _____

Grade _____

School _____

Student email _____

Student phone number _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian #1:

Name _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Primary/Billing Email _____

Parent/Guardian #2:

Name _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

I have read the Youth Orchestra's Mission Statement, Program, Attendance expectations, Tuition information, and Scholarship information and understand my responsibilities and obligations regarding tuition and attendance.

Signature of responsible adult