

Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra

An educational ensemble of the Southwest Symphony Orchestra

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Additional online registration and audition are required for all partnership students. After registering through the partnership, please contact forrest@smsso.org for a LMYO registration packet.

The Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra, an educational outreach program of the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, is designed to supplement private and public school band and orchestra programs and homeschoolers by providing a Youth Symphony experience consisting of four groups. The groups meet on Monday evenings at Upton Middle School.

Our semester-long season consists of 10 rehearsals, concluding with final concerts in December and May. Youth Symphony (high school students) may be expected to attend an additional runout concert, clinic, or SMSO side-by-side concert (spring only). Students are allowed 2 excused absences and are expected to practice outside of rehearsal time.

- **Concert Strings** - for middle school or younger string players with 1+ years of experience.
 - *Rehearsal Monday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30pm*
- **Encore Strings** - for more advanced middle school string players.
 - *Rehearsal Monday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30pm*
- **LMYO Winds** - for middle school brass, woodwind, and percussion players with 2-4 years of experience.
 - *Rehearsal Monday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30pm*
- **Youth Symphony** - for high school and college level strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion.
 - *Rehearsal Monday evenings from 6:00 – 8:30pm*

All partnership students are required to audition in person or online regardless of previous participation. We are offering both video and in-person auditions. Learn about audition requirements for your instrument [here](#). Call the SMSO office to schedule an in-person audition or submit a link to your video audition using [this form](#).



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Find additional information at the SMSO website at www.smsso.org. Please contact Forrest Miesse forrest@smsso.org if you have any questions.