



Pocono Youth Orchestra

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Dear Instrumental Music Teacher:

We're pleased to announce that auditions for the 2021-22 season of the Pocono Youth Orchestra are just around the corner! Motivated strings students of all ages and high school age band students are welcome. ***Students will have the option of an in person audition or submitting a video audition.***

There are major changes in the programs offered by the Pocono Youth Orchestra for 2021-22:

- We added an extra orchestra level to accommodate a wider range of strings players
- We separated our season into 3 sessions that closely mirror school athletic seasons
- We offer flexible programming, so students do not have to commit for the entire year
- All three orchestras are under the direction of Mike Montero for consistent instruction

We offer orchestra opportunities that meet the needs of almost every student:

- The Pocono Junior Strings Orchestra (PJSO) is perfect for the motivated strings student with a couple years of instruction and solid music reading ability. *This group is generally ideal for elementary and early middle school students.*
- The Pocono Chamber Strings Orchestra (PCSO) is our newest orchestra that serves more experienced students. Students with in this orchestra are playing with more advanced musicianship and developed tone. *This group is generally ideal for students in grades 7-9.*
- The Pocono Youth Orchestra (PYO), our most advanced group, is an introduction to a full symphony orchestra. This orchestra plays original music or arrangements of higher orchestral standards. *This group is generally ideal for students in grades 10-12.*

Rehearsals are held weekly at the Shawnee Inn in Shawnee on Delaware, PA:

- PJSO – Tuesday evenings from 6 PM to 7 PM
- PCSO – Tuesday evenings from 7:15 PM to 8:25 PM
- PYO – Thursday evenings from 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Students interested in auditioning for the orchestra have two options. Auditions will take place in person on June 5 and June 12, 2021 at Montero Violins in Stroudsburg, PA. Video auditions will be accepted until June 12, 2021.

Thank you for your support! Please share this information with your music students and have them contact us at music@pocono-youth-orchestra.org or visit our web site at www.pocono-youth-orchestra.org. Please feel free to post or distribute the attached audition flyer.