



Youth Orchestra & Junior Strings Schedule 2021-2022

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Rehearsals take place at **Trinity United church** on **Thursdays from 4:15 to 6:15 pm (Junior Strings finish at 5:15)** unless otherwise indicated. Students are expected to **arrive at 4:00 pm** to set up chairs and stands, and to get tuned and warmed up. Students are also expected to help reset the room following rehearsal.

Sept 30 — First Rehearsal

Oct 7
Oct 14
Oct 21 *
Oct 28

Nov 4
Nov 11
Nov 18 *
Nov 25

Dec 2 *
Dec 9
Dec 16

🎵 Dec 19 Concert: In the Spirit!

Hilldale Lutheran Church
- 1 pm set-up
- 1:30-3:30 pm dress rehearsal
- 4 pm concert
- 5:30 tear down

[LU Exams: Dec 9 - Dec 19]

Jan 6
Jan 13 *
Jan 20
Jan 27

[HS Exams: Jan 21-27]

🎵 Concerto Competition

TBA

Feb 3
Feb 10
Feb 17
Feb 24 *

🎵 Feb 24 Concert: Bolero with the TBSO.

Youth Orchestra Only

Feb 23
- TBA Rehearsal
Feb 24
- 10 am - 12:30 Rehearsal
- 6:30 arrive at venue
- 7:30 pm Concert

Mar 3
Mar 10
Mar 17 * (No Rehearsal, March Break)
Mar 24
Mar 31

🎵 Big Trip: TBA

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🎵 Junior Strings Staycation

TBA

Apr 7
Apr 14
Apr 21 *

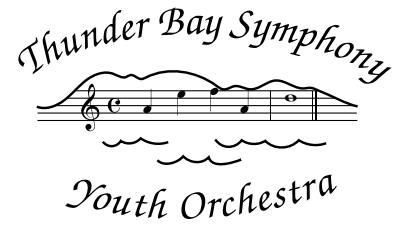
🎵 April 23 Concert: Grand Finale

- 1pm set up
- 1:30 - 3:30 dress rehearsal
- 4pm Concert
- 5:30 tear down

[LU Exams: Apr 11-24]

* rehearsal for Youth Orchestra will end early
at 5:45 pm

Youth Orchestra



2021-2022 Auditions

The Thunder Bay Symphony Youth Orchestra offers a venue for talented young musicians to expand their knowledge, collaborate with their peers, contribute to our cultural community, and build life-long friendships. It is geared at students age twelve to twenty-four. Orchestral instruments include: violin, viola, cello, bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, timpani, percussion, and harp. Students should be working at roughly a Royal Conservatory grade five level or above.

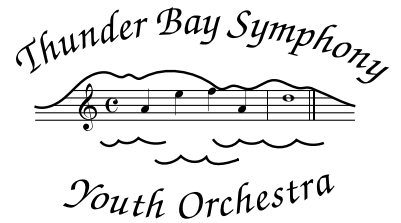
Weekly rehearsals take place at Trinity United Church chapel on Thursdays from 4:15 to 6:15 pm. Students are expected to arrive at 4 pm to set-up, tune, and warm up, and to help with tear-down afterwards.

The TBSYO will be presenting a December concert and a final concert in April. The TBSYO will also be joining the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra in performing Bolero on their Masters series, which takes place in February. Students will participate in sectionals led by professionals from the TBSO.

Auditions will take place Thursday, September 23 between 4:00 and 8:00 pm over Zoom. Prepare one solo piece and one scale of your choice. Students should contact me to book their five-minute audition time. Rehearsals begin on September 30.

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Junior Strings



2021-2022 Auditions

The Junior Strings offers a first orchestral experience to young violinists, violists, and cellists. Students work on the fundamentals of ensemble playing and etiquette. It is geared at students eight to fourteen who are taking lessons and who have acquired basic music reading skills.

Weekly rehearsals take place at Trinity United Church chapel on Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:15 pm. Students are expected to arrive at 4 pm to set-up, tune, and warm up, and to help with tear-down afterwards.

The Junior Strings will be presenting a December concert, a final concert in April, and more.

Auditions will take place Thursday, September 23 between 4:00 and 8:00 pm over Zoom. Prepare one solo piece and one scale of your choice. Students should contact me to book their five-minute audition time. Rehearsals begin on September 30.

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Youth Orchestra & Junior Strings

2021–2022 Policies & Expectations

Rehearsals

- Rehearsals regularly take place at Hammarskjold High School music room on Thursdays starting at 4:15 pm. Students are expected to arrive **fifteen minutes** before to set up chairs and stands, tune, and warm up. Following the rehearsal chairs and stands are expected to be reset as they were.
- Bring instruments, all music (in its TBSYO folder), and a pencil and eraser to each rehearsal and concert.
- Prepare your music at home and with your teacher.
- Folders and music must be returned in good condition. A minimum \$25 will be charged for lost or damaged folders or music.

Concerts

- Students are expected to arrive at least half an hour before dress rehearsals and concerts in order to warm up their instruments and prepare themselves. All students are expected to help with set-up and tear-down.
- Concert Dress for the Youth Orchestra: black dress pants, below-the-knee skirt, or dress; black or white dress shirt; black socks or stockings; black dress shoes. Tuxedos are also acceptable and encouraged!
- Concert Dress for the Junior Strings: black dress pants, below-the-knee skirt, or dress; white dress shirt; black socks or stockings; black dress shoes.

Attendance

- Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and concerts, and to be punctual. Michelle or Tom must be notified of all planned or last-minute absences so that solutions can be found and plans can be made accordingly.
- Unexcused absence, tardiness, or absence from a dress rehearsal may result in students not being allowed to participate in concerts or trips. Frequent unexcused absence or tardiness will result in expulsion.

Private music lessons are very strongly encouraged.

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