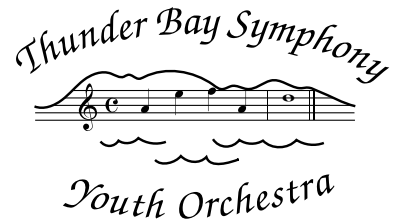


# Youth Orchestra & Junior Strings



## 2022–2023 Policies & Expectations

### Rehearsals

- Rehearsals regularly take place at Trinity United Church gym and chapel 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, music, 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.

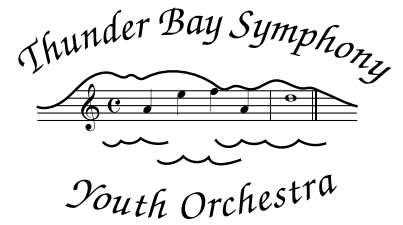
### Attendance

- 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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# Youth Orchestra



## 2022-2023 Auditions

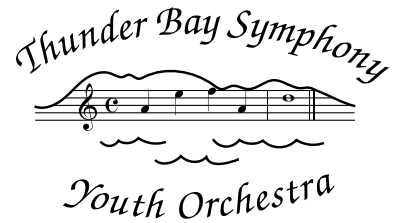
The Thunder Bay Symphony Youth Orchestra offers a venue for talented young musicians to expand their knowledge, collaborate with their peers, contribute to our cultural community, and build life-long friendships. It is geared at students age twelve to twenty-four. Orchestral instruments include: violin, 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 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.

Auditions will take place Thursday, September 22 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 29.

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# *Junior Strings*



## **2022-2023 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 May, and more.

Auditions will take place Thursday, September 22 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 29.

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# Youth Orchestra & Junior Strings Schedule 2022-2023

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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 22 — Auditions

## Sept 29 — First Rehearsal

Oct 6  
Oct 13  
Oct 20 \*  
Oct 27

Nov 3  
Nov 10  
Nov 17  
Nov 24

Dec 1  
Dec 8

## 🎵 Dec 18 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

Jan 5  
Jan 12  
Jan 19  
Jan 26

## 🎵 Concerto Competition to be confirmed

Feb 2  
Feb 9  
Feb 16

## 🎵 Feb 17-20 TBSYO Trip to Hamilton to be confirmed

## 🎵 Junior Strings Staycation details to be confirmed

Feb 23

Mar 2  
Mar 9  
Mar 16 (No Rehearsal, March Break)  
Mar 23  
Mar 30

Apr 6  
Apr 13  
Apr 20 \*  
Apr 27

May 4

## 🎵 May 7 Concert: Grand Finale

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

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