

## Vermont Youth Orchestra

Ronald Braunstein, *conductor*

Rehearsal: Sunday afternoons from 12:45 to 3:45 p.m.

The VYO presents three major concerts each year at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, performs at First Night Burlington and tours internationally every other year.

## Vermont Youth Philharmonia

Anne Decker, *conductor*

Rehearsal: Sunday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

VYP presents three major concerts each year, performs during local school tours and participates in orchestra exchange trips.

## Vermont Youth Sinfonia

Ronald Braunstein, *conductor*

Rehearsal: Sunday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Sinfonia presents two concerts each year and performs during school tours.

## Vermont Youth Strings

David Gusakov, *conductor*

Rehearsal: Saturday mornings from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

VYS provides ensemble experience for string players. VYS presents two concerts annually, performs in local schools, and holds great orchestra parties throughout the year!

## Presto

Asiat Ali, *conductor*

Rehearsal: Saturday mornings.

Presto introduces young string players to ensemble playing. Presto meets in three, 5-week sessions during the school year. No audition is required for admission to Presto, but students are welcome to participate in VYOA auditions if they choose.

## Vermont Youth Chamber Winds

Berta Frank, *director*

Rehearsal: Saturday mornings. Coaches may vary per session.

YVCW consists of small ensembles for woodwind, brass and percussion students.

## VYO Chorus

Jeffrey Buettner, *conductor*

Rehearsal: Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The VYO Chorus performs masterpieces of choral repertoire, including collaborations with the Vermont Youth Orchestra. The chorus presents four major concerts each year.

## Vermont Youth Concert Chorale

Jeffrey Buettner, *conductor*

Rehearsal: Tuesday evenings from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The Concert Chorale provides topnotch vocal training for the next generation of choral singers. Students perform a wide range of repertoire and present four major concerts each year.

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# Auditions

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Orchestral Auditions  
May 5–May 26  
Choral Auditions  
May 10–12

Elley-Long Music Center  
at Saint Michael's College  
Colchester, VT



## Who Is Eligible to Audition?

### Orchestral Auditions:

- Open to musicians currently in grades 3–II, with at least one year of experience on an orchestral instrument.
- Woodwind and brass players younger than 7th grade should have at least two years of experience on their instrument.
- Students must participate in their school music program, if one is offered.

### Choral Auditions:

- Open to singers currently in grades 6–II, who are able to read music, match pitch, and blend with others.
- Students must participate in their school music program, if one is offered.

Auditions are heard by a panel of VYOA artistic staff that includes Music Director **Ronald Braunstein** and Choral conductor **Jeffrey Buettner**. Qualified students will be offered placement in the appropriate VYOA group, based on their skill and experience as demonstrated in the audition.

## Audition Requirements

### Orchestral Auditions include:

- **A Prepared Solo**, without accompaniment. Please bring an extra copy of your music for the Audition Committee.
- **A Prepared Scale** (major or minor, any number of octaves) that represents your current level of playing.
- **Sight Reading** a brief selection presented to you at the audition.

### Choral Auditions include:

- **An a cappella song** of your choice (2 min. in length, excerpts welcome). Please bring an extra copy of your music.
- **Pitch matching exercise** – sing short melodies after they are played for you on a piano.
- **Sight Reading** a brief melody presented to you at the audition.

**Total Audition Time:** approximately 10 minutes.

## Fees/Tuition

It does not cost *anything* to audition. The tuition fees for each orchestra and chorus are announced in June, and need-based financial aid is available to all students. The VYOA is committed to making it possible for all students to participate.




## Sign Me Up!

Auditions are by appointment only. To schedule your audition appointment, call our office at (802) 655-5030, ext. 100 **on or after Monday, April 5, 2010.**

A confirmation letter containing your audition date and time, directions to the Elley-Long Music Center and other important information **will be e-mailed to you** *after* you have scheduled an audition.

## About the VYOA

The VYOA offers outstanding education and unique performance experiences to over 600 young musicians each year from VT, NY and NH. Weekly rehearsals are held from September through May in the Elley-Long Music Center at Saint Michael's College, located in Colchester, VT. Join us and find out for yourself why the VYOA is one of the most remarkable programs of its kind in the United States. 

## Questions?

Please contact the VYOA at **(802) 655-5030, ext. 100** or visit us online at **www.vyo.org**.