



## Welcome to Vermont Youth Strings (VYS)!

Please print out this schedule & mark your calendars with these dates

### 2023-24 VYS DATES & INFORMATION

**Conductor:** Asiat Ali

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Please contact [Myriam Bouti](#) with any questions you may have regarding participation in VYS. The best form of communication will be via email as Operations staff members do not hold regular office hours.

**Seating & Excerpt recordings:** VYS seating rotates within sections each week until the last few weeks leading up to the Concerts. Seating charts are set out at each rehearsal. Once in the Fall and once in the Spring, VYS students will record a set of predetermined excerpts from the VYS music they are working on. This will take place during regular VYS rehearsals & will help determine seating order for the Concerts. Aside from principal seats, the seating order is not hierarchical.

**VYS Fall 2023 Schedule:** All rehearsals take place at Elley-Long Music Center.

**Sunday Rehearsal times: 3:30pm – 5:45pm in the Orchestra Room;** students are expected to arrive no later than 3:15pm so that they may tune & be ready to rehearse at 3:30pm.

<b>WED, Aug 16 &amp; THURS, Aug 17</b>	<b>VYS Camp 9am-3pm at Elley-Long Music Center</b> (All VYS students are expected to attend)
Sun, Sept 10	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Sept 17	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Sept 24	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm <b>VYOA Community BBQ 12pm-4pm:</b> Students can choose to arrive early in order to attend the BBQ.
Sun, Oct 1	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Oct 8	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Oct 15	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Oct 22	<i>NO Rehearsal (VYO Concert)</i>
Sun, Oct 29	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 5	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 12	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 19	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 26	<i>NO Rehearsal (Thanksgiving break)</i>
Sun, Dec 3	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
<b>WED, Dec 6</b>	<b>VYS performance at the University Mall in South Burlington, 4:30pm arrival</b>
<b>SUN, DEC 10</b>	<b>Orchestrapalooza Concert (VYS, VYP, VYO) at the Flynn Center, 4pm</b> Students will be needed as early as 1pm for dress rehearsal at the Flynn

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## VYS Spring 2024 Schedule:

Sun, Jan 7	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Jan 14	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Jan 21	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Jan 28	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Feb 4	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Feb 11	<i>NO Rehearsal (VYO Concert)</i>
Sun, Feb 18	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Feb 25	<i>NO Rehearsal (Winter Break)</i>
Sun, Mar 3	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Mar 10	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Mar 17	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Mar 24	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Mar 31	<i>NO Rehearsal (Easter)</i>
<b>Week of April 1-5</b>	One day this week may be designated as a make-up rehearsal in the event of a weather-related cancelation during the spring semester. Exact date TBD <i>if needed.</i>
Sun, Apr 7	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
<b>Week of Apr 8-12</b>	<b>VYS School Tour</b> – ONE day during this week will be the VYS school tour
<b>SAT, APR 13</b>	<b>VYS Spring Concert at Elley-Long Music Center, 1:00pm</b> Please plan on arriving as early as 11:00am for dress rehearsal

**Attendance:** VYS students are allowed 2 absences per semester. Missing VYS Camp counts as 1 absence for the Fall semester. Students who miss more than **2** rehearsals per semester may be asked to check-in with Ace Ali to make sure they are comfortable with their performance repertoire. The success of VYS is dependent upon the full participation of all members!

### **Students must always bring the following to rehearsals & performances:**

Instrument

VYS music

Pencil to mark their music

Cello/Bass students are required to use end pin covers or rock stops at all times