



## Welcome to Vermont Youth Orchestra (VYO)!

Please print out this schedule & read this important information carefully.

### IMPORTANT 2024 – 25 VYO DATES & INFORMATION

**Conductor:** Dr. Mark Alpízar

**Director of Operations:** Art DeQuasie

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Please contact Art DeQuasie with any questions you may have regarding participation in VYO. The best form of communication will be via email as Operations staff members do not hold regular office hours.

**Attendance Policy:** VYO students are allowed no more than **2** absences in each set of rehearsals leading up to a major concert. Students/parents must contact [Art DeQuasie](#) regarding any rehearsals that must be missed. The success of VYO is dependent upon the full participation of all members. Students who exceed two absences will be asked to meet with the conductor and perform excerpts from the current repertoire in order to demonstrate concert readiness in spite of absences. Missing VYO Camp counts as 1 absence toward the Fall Concert.

**Lateness Policy:** Don't be late! Students should arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the start time of any rehearsal.

**Students will be needed for important dress rehearsals on all concert dates – more detailed information with exact times will be sent out prior to each concert.**

Please mark these dates on your calendar!

#### Rehearsals and Concert for Fall 2024: Unless noted, all are at Elley-Long Music Center

<b>August 5-7, Mon, Tues, Wed</b>	<b>VYO Camp: 9am to 5pm</b> <i>Attendance is expected</i> of all VYO members.
<b>Thurs Aug 8</b>	<b>VYO Ensembles Day</b> (optional) VYO String Squad 9:00am – 12:00pm VYO Winds, Brass, and Percussion Ensemble 1:00 – 4:00pm
<b>Mon, Aug 19</b>	Rehearsal 5:00-7:00pm
<b>Mon, Aug 26</b>	Rehearsal 5:00-7:00pm
Sun, Sept 8	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Sept 15	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Sept 22	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm <b>VYOA Community BBQ 12-4pm:</b> Students can choose to stay late to attend the BBQ.
Sun, Sept 29	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Oct 6	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Oct 13	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm (string seating auditions during rehearsal)
Fri, Oct 18	Rehearsal 6:30 – 9:00pm
<b>SUN, OCT 20</b>	<b>FALL CONCERT 3pm at The Flynn</b> Students will be needed for dress rehearsal as early as 11:00am

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**Rehearsals and Concert for Winter 2024-25: Unless noted, all are at Elley-Long Music Center**

Sun, Oct 27	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 3	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 10	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 17	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 24	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Dec 1	<i>No Rehearsal – Thanksgiving Break</i>
Sun, Dec 8	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
<b>SUN, DEC 15</b>	<b>Orchestrapalooza Concert (VYS, VYP, VYO) at The Flynn, 4pm</b> Please reserve the whole day for the dress rehearsal & performance
Sun, Dec 22	Rehearsal 12:15- <b>4:15pm</b>
Sun, Dec 29	<i>No rehearsal – Holiday Break</i>
Sun, Jan 5	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Jan 12	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Jan 19	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Jan 26	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm (string seating auditions during rehearsal)
Fri, Jan 31	Rehearsal 6:30 – 9:00pm
<b>SUN, FEB 2</b>	<b>WINTER CONCERT 3pm at the Essex Experience T-Rex Theater</b> Students will be needed for dress rehearsal as early as 11:30am

**Rehearsals and Concert for Spring 2025: Unless noted, all are at Elley-Long Music Center**

Sun, Feb 9	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Feb 16	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Feb 23	<i>No rehearsal – School Break</i>
Sun, Mar 2	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Mar 9	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Mar 16	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Mar 23	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Mar 30	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Apr 6	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Apr 13	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Apr 20	<i>No rehearsal – Spring Break</i>
Sun, Apr 27	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Fri, May 2	Rehearsal 6:30 – 9:00pm
Sat, May 3	Rehearsal 1:30 – 4:00pm
<b>SUN, MAY 4</b>	<b>SPRING CONCERT 3pm at The Flynn</b> Students will be needed for dress rehearsal as early as 11:30am