



Welcome to Vermont Youth Strings (VYS)!

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

2024-25 VYS DATES & INFORMATION

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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 2024 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.

WED, Aug 14 & THURS, Aug 15	VYS Camp 9am-3pm at Elley-Long Music Center (All VYS students are expected to attend)
Sun, Sept 8	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Sept 15	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Sept 22	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm VYOA Community BBQ 12pm-4pm: Students can choose to arrive early in order to attend the BBQ.
Sun, Sept 29	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Oct 6	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Oct 13	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Oct 20	<i>NO Rehearsal (VYO Concert)</i>
Sun, Oct 27	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm HALLOWEEN
Sun, Nov 3	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 10	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 17	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 24	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Dec 1	<i>NO Rehearsal (Thanksgiving break)</i>
Sun, Dec 8	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
WED, Dec 11	VYS performance at the University Mall in South Burlington, 4:30pm arrival
SUN, DEC 15	Orchestrapalooza Concert (VYS, VYP, VYO) at the Flynn Center, 4pm Students will be needed as early as 1pm for dress rehearsal at the Flynn
Dec 22 & 29	No rehearsals – Holiday Break

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VYS Spring 2025 Schedule:

Sun, Jan 5	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Jan 12	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Jan 19	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Jan 26	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Feb 2	<i>NO Rehearsal (VYO Concert)</i>
Sun, Feb 9	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Feb 16	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Feb 23	<i>NO Rehearsal (Winter Break)</i>
Sun, Mar 2	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Mar 9	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Mar 16	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Mar 23	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Mar 30	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Week of Mar 31 – Apr 4	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 6	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Week of Apr 7-11	VYS School Tour – ONE day during this week will be the VYS school tour
SUN, APR 13	VYS Spring Concert at Elley-Long Music Center Dress Rehearsal at 3:30pm; Concert at 5pm

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