



Welcome to Vermont Youth Orchestra (VYO)!

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

IMPORTANT 2023 – 24 VYO DATES & INFORMATION

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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 2023: Unless noted, all are at Elley-Long Music Center

August 7-9, Mon, Tues, Wed	VYO Camp: 9am to 5pm <i>Attendance is expected</i> of all VYO members.
Thurs Aug 10	VYO Ensembles Day (optional) VYO String Squad 9:00am – 12:00pm VYO Winds, Brass, and Percussion Ensemble 1:00 – 4:00pm
Mon, Aug 21	Rehearsal 3:30-6:00pm
Mon, Aug 28	Rehearsal 3:30-6:00pm
Sun, Sept 10	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Sept 17	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Sept 24	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm VYOA Community BBQ 12-4pm: Students can choose to stay late to attend the BBQ.
Sun, Oct 1	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Oct 8	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Oct 15	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm (string seating auditions during rehearsal)
Fri, Oct 20	Rehearsal 6:30 – 9:00pm
SUN, Oct 22	FALL CONCERT 3pm at The Flynn Students will be needed for dress rehearsal as early as 11:00am

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

Sun, Oct 29	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 5	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 12	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 19	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 26	<i>No Rehearsal</i> – Thanksgiving Break
Sun, Dec. 3	Rehearsal 12:15 – 3:15pm
Sun, Dec. 10	Orchestrapalooza Concert (VYS, VYP, VYO) at The Flynn, 4pm Please reserve the whole day for the dress rehearsal & performance
Sun, Dec 17	Rehearsal 12:15- 4:15pm
Sun, Dec. 24 & 31	<i>No rehearsal – Holiday Break</i>
Sun, Jan 7	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Jan 14	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Jan 21	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Jan 28	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Feb 4	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm (string seating auditions during rehearsal)
Fri, Feb 9	Rehearsal 6:30 – 9:00pm
SUN, FEB 11	WINTER CONCERT 3pm at The Flynn Students will be needed for dress rehearsal as early as 11:30am

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

Sun, Feb 18	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Feb 25	<i>No rehearsal</i> – School Break
Sun, Mar 3	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Mar 10	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Mar 17	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Mar 24	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Mar 31	<i>No rehearsal</i> -- Easter
Sun, Apr 7	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Apr 14	Rehearsal 12:15-3:15pm
Sun, Apr 21	<i>No rehearsal</i> – School Break
Sun, Apr 28	Rehearsal 12:15- 5:15pm including Community Play-Along
Fri, May 3	Rehearsal 6:30 – 9:00pm
SUN, MAY 5	SPRING CONCERT 3pm at The Flynn Students will be needed for dress rehearsal as early as 11:30am