



## Welcome to Vermont Youth Strings (VYS)!

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

### IMPORTANT 2019-20 VYS DATES & INFORMATION

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Please contact [Mia Fritze](mailto:mia@vyo.org) 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.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Please mark these dates on your calendar!

**Rehearsals: Sundays; 3:30-5:45pm** at Elley-Long Music Center; **students should arrive no later than 3:15pm!**

#### VYS Fall 2019 Schedule

<b>Wed &amp; Thurs, Aug 14 &amp; 15: Mini Camp!</b>	<b>9am – 3pm at Elley-Long Music Center Parent Meeting on Wed, Aug 14, 9-9:30am</b>
<b>FRI, Aug 23</b>	<b>VYOA students play the Star Spangled Banner at the Lake Monsters Game! (VYS students must have attended Mini-Camp to play in this)</b>
September 8	Regular Rehearsal
September 15	Regular Rehearsal
September 22	Regular Rehearsal
September 29	Regular Rehearsal
October 6	Regular Rehearsal
October 13	<i>No rehearsal</i> – VYO Concert at the Flynn at 3pm (ask me for your 1 free ticket!)
October 20	Regular Rehearsal
October 27	Regular Rehearsal
November 3	Regular Rehearsal <b>**change your clocks!**</b>
November 10	Regular Rehearsal
November 17	Regular Rehearsal
November 24	Regular Rehearsal
December 1	<i>No rehearsal</i> – Thanksgiving Break
December 8	Regular Rehearsal <b>**students should not miss this rehearsal!**</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, December 11</b>	<b>VYS performs at UMall (4:30pm arrival, 5pm performance)</b>
<b>December 15</b>	<b>OrchestraPalooza Concert at the Flynn Center for Performing Arts, 4pm</b> VYS will need to arrive as early as 1pm for dress rehearsal

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## VYS Spring 2020 Schedule

January 5	Regular Rehearsal
January 12	Regular Rehearsal
January 19	Regular Rehearsal
January 26	Regular Rehearsal
February 2	Regular Rehearsal
February 9	Regular Rehearsal
February 16	<i>No rehearsal</i> – VYO Concert at the Flynn at 3pm (ask me for your 1 free ticket!)
February 23	<i>No rehearsal</i> – School Break
March 1	Regular Rehearsal
March 8	Regular Rehearsal <b>**change your clocks!**</b>
March 15	Regular Rehearsal
March 22	Regular Rehearsal
March 29	Regular Rehearsal
<b>Week of March 30 – April 3</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>
April 5	Regular Rehearsal
<b>Week of April 6</b>	<b>VYS School Tour</b> ; one day this week we will perform for students at 2 area schools. Exact date TBD.
<b>SATURDAY, April 11</b>	<b>VYS &amp; Da Capo Spring Concert at Elley-Long Music Center, 2pm</b> Students will need to arrive as early as 12pm for dress rehearsal

**Attendance Policy:** VYS students are allowed no more than **2** absences per semester.

Students/parents should contact Mia Fritze regarding any rehearsals that must be missed. The success of VYS is dependent upon the full participation of all members. Should a student miss more than 2 rehearsals in a semester we will ask them to come in & play for the conductor as a check-in to make sure they are keeping up with their music.