



## **Welcome to Vermont Youth Strings (VYS)!**

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

### **2025-26 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 2025 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 13 &amp; THURS, Aug 14</b>	<b>VYS Camp 9am-3pm at Elley-Long Music Center</b> (All VYS students are expected to attend)
Sun, Sept 7	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Sept 14	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Sept 21	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm <b>VYOA Community BBQ 12pm-4pm:</b> Students can choose to arrive early to attend the BBQ.
Sun, Sept 28	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Oct 5	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Oct 12	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Oct 19	<i>No Rehearsal -- VYO Concert</i>
Sun, Oct 26	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm HALLOWEEN
Sun, Nov 2	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 9	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 16	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 23	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Nov 30	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
<b>WED, Dec 3</b>	<b>VYS performance at the University Mall in South Burlington, 4:30pm arrival</b>
<b>SUN, DEC 7</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
Sun, Dec 14	<b>Festival Orchestra!</b> An optional Combined Orchestra play-along at Elley-Long. 3:00 – 4:30pm
Dec 21 & 28	<b>No rehearsals – December Break</b>

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**VYS Spring 2026 Schedule:** All rehearsals & the concert are at Elley-Long Music Center

Sun, Jan 4	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Jan 11	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Jan 18	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Jan 25	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Feb 1	<i>No Rehearsal</i> -- VYO Concert
Sun, Feb 8	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Feb 15	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Feb 22	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Mar 1	<i>No Rehearsal</i> -- February Break
Sun, Mar 8	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Mar 15	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Mar 22	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
Sun, Mar 29	Rehearsal, students arrive by 3:15pm
<b>Week of Mar 30–Apr 3</b>	<b>VYS School Tour</b> – ONE day during this week will be the VYS school tour
Sun, Apr 5	<i>No Rehearsal</i> -- Easter
<b>Mon, Apr 6</b>	Rehearsal, 5:30 – 7:30pm
<b>SUN, APR 12</b>	<b>VYS Spring Concert at Elley-Long Music Center</b> 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