

Selecting which Ensembles to audition for

Ensemble Descriptions	Repertoire	Musicians	Additional Guidance	Rehearsals
Youth Symphony (YS)	YS performs masterpieces from the standard orchestral repertoire at a highly proficient level.	Very advanced high school musicians whom demonstrate the full range of abilities specific to their instrument.	Transposing and playing in multiple clefs as appropriate for the instrument.	Sunday, 1:30pm – 4:30pm; Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO.
Youth Philharmonic (YP)	YP performs unabridged pieces from the standard orchestral repertoire as well as a limited number of advanced level arrangements with a focus on refining orchestral technique.	Musicians in grades 5 th through 12 th who demonstrate an expanded set of abilities on their instrument.	Appropriate instruments should be learning transposition and playing in multiple clefs.	Sunday, 6:00pm -8:00pm; Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO.
Youth Conservatory Orchestra (YCO)	YCO is an intermediate level, full orchestra designed to allow musicians to excel and refine orchestral skills.	Accomplished wind, brass, and percussion musicians in grades 5 th through 12 th . Accomplished string musicians in grades 7 th through 12 th .	Musicians should have mastered proper instrument posture and possess appropriate sight reading and tuning skills.	Sunday, 3:30pm – 5:30pm; Lewis and Clark Middle School, 6901 Burt Street, Omaha.
Youth Concert Strings (YCS)	YCS is an intermediate level string orchestra serving as an energetic introduction to ensemble performance.	Talented string musicians in grades 3 rd through 7 th .		Monday, 7:00pm – 8:30pm; Lewis and Clark Middle School, 6901 Burt Street, Omaha.
Percussion Ensemble (PC)	This select ensemble explores both percussion ensemble literature and advance orchestral	Accomplished percussionists, eight positions available.	Members of this ensemble will audition for and be accepted into the Percussion Ensemble and	Sunday, 4:45 – 5:45pm. Strauss Performing Arts Center. Percussions should also be available

	repertoire.		also be rotated into Youth Philharmonic and Youth Symphony.	during YS and YP rehearsals times.
<p>Chamber Music Ensembles (CME)</p> <p>OAYO traditionally offers three types of chamber music ensembles:</p> <p>String Quartet containing -2 violins, -1 viola, -1 cello</p> <p>Woodwind Quintet containing: -1 flute, -1 oboe, -1 clarinet -1 bassoon and -1 horn</p> <p>Brass Quintet containing: -1 horn, 2 trumpets, 1 tuba and 1 trombone</p>	<p>A chamber music ensemble is a small ensemble without a conductor where each musician plays an individual part.</p> <p>CME consists of ensembles between 3 and 5 musicians. Ensembles are coached by professional musicians such members of the Omaha Symphony and UNO faculty.</p>	<p>Ensembles for YS Musicians -2 strings quartets -1 woodwind quintet -1 brass quintet</p> <p>Ensembles for YP Musicians -2 strings quartets -1 woodwind quintet -1 brass quintet</p> <p>Ensembles for YCO Musicians -3 string quartets</p> <p>Ensembles YCS Musicians -3 string quartets</p>	<p>If there is high interest from wind and brass musicians, OAYO will consider creating additional chamber groups. Contact the OAYO office with inquires and indicate interest in CME on the Adjudication Sheet prior to the audition.</p> <p>Spots in these ensembles are somewhat competitive as OAYO will only create additional ensembles if there is appropriate instrumentation.</p>	<p>CME rehearsals are one hour and will either take place before or after YS, YP, YCO or YCO rehearsals.</p> <p>Potential rehearsal times include: -Sunday, 12:15pm-1:15pm -Sunday, 2:15pm-3:15pm -Sunday, 4:45pm-5:45pm -Monday, 5:45pm-6:45pm</p>