

Etowah Youth Orchestras

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EYO Announces Auditions for the 2020-2021 Season

Openings available for string, woodwind, brass, percussion and piano students

GADSDEN, AL, April 20, 2020 - - The Etowah Youth Orchestras, Northeast Alabama’s premiere youth orchestra program, is pleased to announce auditions for the 2020-2021 season. The EYO will be auditioning for open spots in all of its after-school ensembles, including the Etowah Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Etowah Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Etowah String Sinfonia.

Auditions for all ensembles will be held on Saturday, June 13, and on Tuesday through Thursday, June 16-18. Audition hours will vary daily, but times will be available from 9 AM-12 PM, 1-5 PM and 6-8 PM. All auditions will be held at the Music Center at Temple Beth Israel, located at 761 Chestnut Street in downtown Gadsden.

The Etowah Youth Symphony Orchestra – the EYO’s flagship ensemble – is an advanced full orchestra with strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion. The EYSO performs standard orchestral repertoire from all genres, including concert, stage, screen and more. The Etowah Youth Philharmonic Orchestra – also a full orchestra – is a high-intermediate ensemble performing quality transcriptions of symphonic works, along with other diverse repertoire. The Etowah String Sinfonia, an intermediate string orchestra, performs versions of works by the great composers along with original and popular music.

Auditions for the EYO’s after-school ensembles base acceptance entirely on each student’s current level of performance ability, as opposed to strictly age and grade level. Students must have a minimum of two years of performing experience on their instrument to audition.

All three ensembles will hold auditions for string section members – violins, violas, cellos and string basses. The two full orchestras will also have openings for flutes, oboes, clarinets, bass clarinets, bassoons, French horns, trombones, percussionists and pianists for the 2020-2021 season.

Complete audition information, including all audition requirements and required music, along with the audition registration form, can be found on the EYO website, www.myeyo.org. Scroll to the bottom of the “About The EYO” page to find all of the links and audition information.

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