

APPLICATION

Select the PYCO ensemble you are interested in joining (check all that apply).*

- PYCO Orchestra (Gr: 9-12) Chamber Woodwinds (Gr: 8-12)
 Chamber Brass (Gr: 8-12) Chamber Strings (Gr: 6-9)
 Jr. Wind Ensemble (Gr: 6-8) Jr. Strings (Gr: 4-7)

* Placement is at the sole discretion of PYCO ensemble directors. After your audition, you will be notified to which ensemble you have been accepted.

STUDENT:

Name: _____

Age: _____ D.O.B.: _____ / _____ / _____ Gender: M / F

Instrument(s): _____

Total yrs. of study: _____ Yrs. of study w/ current private teacher : _____

Grade (18-19): _____ School: _____

School District: _____

Email: _____

Private Teacher: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

School Music Teacher: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel (h) _____ (c) _____

Email: _____

I, the undersigned, as Parent/Guardian of the above-named minor do hereby release the Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra, its employees and its instructors, from any and all liability from any accidents which may occur while my child is participating in rehearsals and concerts. I also authorize the use of any photograph or video taken for publicity purposes.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Please enclose non-refundable \$25 application fee made payable to PYCO.

Send this form with \$25 check to:
Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra
150 Lake Drive, Suite 103
Wexford, PA 15090

Upon receipt of this form and the \$25 application fee, you will be contacted to schedule a date and time for your audition. You will be notified by email of your acceptance.



Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra

Rehearsal Location:

PYCO School of Music
150 Lake Drive
Suite 103
Wexford, PA 15090

Mailing Address:

Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra
150 Lake Drive
Suite 103
Wexford, PA 15090

Web: www.pyco.org

E-mail: info@pyco.org

Phone: 412.600.5369

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INFORMATION & APPLICATION

2018-2019 Season



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About PYCO

The Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra is comprised of a **full symphonic orchestra** in addition to **various ensembles**, giving young musicians a variety of opportunities to pursue their love of musical performance. At PYCO, our core values are a love of learning, the pursuit of excellence, and the joy of musical performance.

PYCO performs several concerts per year throughout the Pittsburgh area. We also offer a 1-week **day camp for orchestra and wind ensemble** during the summer. The camp is open to all current members as well as interested students who want to explore orchestral and ensemble playing.

Every 3 years we give students the opportunity to perform abroad in an **international concert tour**. In July 2012 we performed in Salzburg, Vienna, and Prague; in July 2015 we performed in London, Stratford-upon-Avon, and Paris; and in July 2018 we performed in Venice, Florence, and Rome. Our next tour is planned for July 2021, with concerts in Madrid, Seville, and Barcelona.

Application & Audition

To apply for any of our ensembles, fill out the application on the back of this brochure, and send it to the address provided. You can also apply online at pyco.org. PYCO offers ensembles for **strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, piano, and harp**.

Membership is by audition or at the recommendation of the ensemble directors. Please check the PYCO website for general audition dates. **We also offer year-round auditions by appointment.**

PYCO Ensembles

PYCO Orchestra: Conducted by PYCO Artistic Director, Pablo Ardiles, membership in this division is reserved for outstanding string, woodwind, brass & percussion players whose technical level is highly advanced, who show strong musicianship, and who are capable of the discipline and commitment necessary to perform in one of Pittsburgh's premier youth orchestras. **Repertoire is at college/professional level.** The orchestra accepts students in grades 9 to 12, although musicians may remain beyond high school.

Chamber Woodwinds: Under the direction of Deborah Silverstein, this program is designed to challenge woodwind players in both **smaller (Duet and Trio) and larger Chamber Music settings** to build musicianship and leadership in students in grades 8 to 12.

Chamber Brass: This program provides a unique opportunity for talented brass players in grades 8 to 12 to perform exciting and **challenging music for brass ensemble**, under the direction of Rick Murrell and Phil VanOuse.

Chamber Strings: Under the direction of Younga Reitz, this program is designed to **advance the level of string players** in grades 6 to 9 in preparation for the more demanding repertoire in PYCO.

Jr. Wind Ensemble: Comprised of woodwinds, brass and percussion players in grades 6 to 8, this program is designed to inspire students through **challenging and engaging wind ensemble music in a fun and nurturing environment**, under the direction of Tara Yaney and Phil VanOuse.

Jr. Strings: Under the direction of Stephen Ehrlich, this program is designed to build **solid, fundamental rhythmic and orchestral skills and improved sight-reading abilities** in a non-competitive, relaxed, supportive and fun environment for string students in grades 4 to 7.



Ensemble Information

	School Grade ¹	Rehearsal Time ²	Semester Cost ³
PYCO Orchestra	9 th - 12 th	1:30 - 4:00	\$400
Chamber Woodwinds	8 th - 12 th	3:30 - 4:30	\$200
Chamber Brass	8 th - 12 th	5:30 - 6:30	\$200
Chamber Strings	6 th - 9 th	4:00 - 5:30	\$225
Jr. Wind Ensemble	6 th - 8 th	4:15 - 5:15	\$200
Jr. Strings	4 th - 7 th	2:30 - 3:30	\$200

¹ Grades are listed as general guidelines only. Placement is at the sole discretion of ensemble directors.

² Rehearsals for all ensembles take place on Sundays at the PYCO School of Music, 150 Lake Drive, Suite 103, Wexford, PA 15090.

³ First semester is September through mid-December. Second semester is January through April. Each additional student in the same family receives a 10% discount.