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KWS Youth Orchestra Program Auditions, 101 Queen Street North, Kitchener, Ontario, N2H 6P7

or email to bkaplanek@kwsymphony.on.ca

For info email Barb Kaplanek, YOP Coordinator or call 519.745.4711 ext 390 or go to www.kwsymphony.on.ca/yop

Please, indicate the ENSEMBLE you wish to join and if you are interested in the Chamber Music Program.

See the reverse side for details.

The Youth Strings

Introductory level string ensemble

Youth Sinfonia

Intermediate level string ensemble

Youth Orchestra

Advanced level symphony orchestra

Valhalla Brass

Intermediate to advanced level brass ensemble

Chamber Music Program

NEW this season!

NAME OF APPLICANT:		NEW TO YOP <input type="checkbox"/> RETURNING <input type="checkbox"/>	
INSTRUMENT:	AGE:	BIRTHDATE (DD/MM/YY):	
CONTACT INFORMATION			
ADDRESS:			
CITY:	PROVINCE:	POSTAL CODE:	
TELEPHONE (HOME):	TELEPHONE (CELL):	TELEPHONE (WORK):	
EMAIL ADDRESS (FREQUENTLY CHECKED):			
MUSIC EDUCATION RELATED INFORMATION			
DO YOU HAVE A PRIVATE (INSTRUMENT) TEACHER? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	IF YES, PLEASE GIVE NAME OF TEACHER:	TEACHER'S PHONE NUMBER:	
NUMBER OF YEARS PLAYING INSTRUMENT:	HAVE YOU ATTENDED ANY MUSIC SCHOOL OR PASSED ANY MUSIC EXAMS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	IF YES, PLEASE LIST:	
DO YOU HAVE PREVIOUS ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	IF YES, PLEASE LIST:		
ARE YOU CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF ANY CHAMBER MUSIC GROUP? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	IF YES, PLEASE LIST NAMES OF OTHER PLAYERS and THEIR INSTRUMENTS:		
WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOU ATTEND IN THE FALL?	GRADE / YEAR:		
Youth Orchestra CANDIDATES STRING PLAYERS ONLY	AUDITIONING FOR SECTION LEADER? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	AUDITIONING FOR CONCERTMASTER (VIOLIN ONLY)? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:		DATE (DD/MM/YY):

The Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Youth Orchestra Program (YOP) offers weekly rehearsals, sectionals coached by KWS musicians, retreats, chamber music program, specialized sessions with guest coaches, community outreach performances, side-by-side performances with other YOP ensembles and with the KW Symphony, chamber music concerts and full orchestral performances. **The main concerts of the 2008-09 season will be held on Saturdays: December 6, February 14, March 28 and April 25 in the Raffi Armenian Theatre at The Centre In The Square at 2:00pm.** Awards and scholarships are presented to the outstanding members of the four YOP ensembles at the last concert of the season. Bursaries may be available to eligible candidates. For info contact the YOP Coordinator at bkaplanek@kwsymphony.on.ca or 519.745.4711 ext.390. The YOP ensembles:

The Youth Strings (introductory level string ensemble)

Provides an introduction to orchestral performance for string players reading and playing at or above **Grade 2 RCM or Suzuki Book II.** The Youth Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 5:30 to 7:00 pm at The Centre in the Square (The Studio) from September 16, 2008 until April 21, 2009.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: Qualified candidates please submit the application form and attend the "Open House" rehearsal on Tuesday September 16th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm in The Studio of The Centre in the Square. Bring along the current piece you are working on.

Fee: \$395 Due at the first rehearsal (September 23) along with membership form (distributed at the Open House). Half of the fee may be in the form of postdated cheque for January 15, 2009. Cheques payable to KW Symphony

Youth Sinfonia (intermediate level string ensemble)

Provides instruction for string players with some ensemble experience playing at or above **Grade 5 RCM or Suzuki Book IV.**

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at The Centre in the Square (The Studio) from September 17, 2008 until April 22, 2009.

The activities also include performances in Waterloo region schools during the 2nd half of a school day; the date TBA.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS: Prepare the selected excerpts available for pick up at The Stage Door of The Centre in the Square (mailed on request) and one piece of your own choosing (the selection must involve shifting). No accompanists are required or allowed at the auditions.

The Sinfonia repertoire will include Serenata Notturna by W.A. Mozart. The composition features parts for solo string quartet. Performed groups are asked to prepare one movement to audition. Please, contact the YOP Coordinator for details bkaplanek@kwsymphony.on.ca

Auditions are scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at Wilfrid Laurier University, Music Department.

The YOP Coordinator will contact you with the audition time after the application has been received.

The Fee: \$395 Due at the first rehearsal (September 17) along with membership form (distributed at the auditions). Half of the fee may be in the form of postdated cheque for January 15, 2009. Cheques payable to KW Symphony

Youth Orchestra (advanced level symphony orchestra)

Provides the thrilling experience of rehearsing and performing the wide variety of symphonic masterpieces. In addition to the activities listed on the top of this page, the candidates will have an opportunity to compete in the annual Concerto Competition. Applicants should play at or above **Grade 8 RCM or Suzuki Book VII (Strings).**

Rehearsals: Sundays, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Wilfrid Laurier University, Music Department, from September 14, 2008 until April 19, 2009.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS: Prepare the selected excerpts available for pick up at The Stage Door of The Centre in the Square (mailed on request).

Auditions are scheduled at Wilfrid Laurier University, Music Department for the following dates:

STRINGS: September 5 and 6, 2008

WINDS/BRASS/PERCUSSION: September 6 (afternoon), 2008

The YOP Coordinator will contact you with the audition time after the application has been received.

The Fee: \$435 Due at the first rehearsal (September 14) along with membership form (distributed at the auditions). Half of the fee may be in the form of postdated cheque for January 15, 2009. Cheques payable to KW Symphony

Valhalla Brass (intermediate to advanced level brass ensemble)

Combining the power of the orchestral brass section with the intimacy of chamber music, the Valhalla Brass consists of trumpets, French horns, tenor and bass trombones, euphonium, tuba and percussion. The candidates may audition to for Valhalla Brass exclusively or combined with YO.

Applicants should play at or above **Grade 6 RCM.**

Rehearsals: Sundays, 3:30 - 4:30pm at Wilfrid Laurier University, Music Department, from September 14, 2008 to April 19, 2009.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS: Prepare two contrasting pieces or two contrasting movements of your choice. You may be asked to sight-read. If you audition for Youth Orchestra, you will not need to re-audition for the Valhalla Brass. No accompanists are required or allowed for the auditions.

Auditions are scheduled for September 6 (afternoon) 2008 at Wilfrid Laurier University, Music Department.

The YOP Coordinator will contact you with the audition time after the application has been received.

The Fee: \$295 Due at the first rehearsal (September 14) along with membership form (distributed at the auditions). Half of the fee may be in the form of postdated cheque for January 15, 2009. Cheques payable to KW Symphony

Chamber Music Program available for all levels

This program provides chamber music coaching with KWS musicians for candidates for small ensembles (trios, quartets, etc.). The instruction will focus on leadership and abilities to follow, teamwork, active listening and exploring a wide range of chamber music repertoire. The main Chamber Music Concert is scheduled for March 28 preceding the YOP concert; other opportunities will include outreach events and CITS lobby performances. The Chamber Music Program registration form will be distributed at the auditions. The fee per participant: **\$15 / session** Cheques payable to KW Symphony (submitted at the commencement of this program; the number of sessions TBD).