

Program Overview

09-10

NYSO is comprised of the following orchestras, choirs and ensembles:

- Symphony Orchestra
- Wind Ensemble
- NYSO Chorale
- Intermezzo Orchestra
- Overture String Ensemble
- Prelude String Ensemble
- Select Flute Choir
- Flute Choir
- Clarinet Choir
- Lawrence Youth String Ensemble

Gerald Dolan serves as NYSO's Music Director and also conducts the Wind Ensemble.

Membership in all ensembles is by audition (See audition requirements page).

Symphony Orchestra

Walter Pavararis conducts the Symphony Orchestra. Weekly rehearsals are held Mondays from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Masconomet High School in Topsfield. In addition to practicing as a full orchestra, members of the Symphony Orchestra will have the opportunity to perform in chamber ensembles during the winter term. During an eight-week period in January and February, the orchestra will be broken down into approximately 15 small ensembles and given the opportunity to learn chamber music, with the occasion to perform in various outreach concerts during the remainder of the year.

The winds in Symphony Orchestra are also members of the Wind Ensemble. Winds rehearse from 6:00 – 7:00 with Symphony Orchestra (arriving by 5:50) and then join the Wind Ensemble from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Strings rehearse from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Wind Ensemble

Gerald Dolan directs the advanced Wind Ensemble, which rehearses on Mondays at Masconomet High School from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The most advanced students in the Wind Ensemble will also play in Symphony Orchestra. (See paragraph above)

Intermezzo Orchestra

Walter O'Keefe directs the Intermezzo Orchestra. Weekly rehearsals are held on Mondays from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Masconomet High School in Topsfield.

Overture String Ensemble and Prelude String Ensemble

Abigail Haynes conducts the Overture String Ensemble, and Sarah Skinner conducts the Prelude String Ensemble. Weekly rehearsals are held Mondays from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. at Masconomet High School in Topsfield.

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Prelude String Ensemble students enter NYSO by a recommendation of their private teacher and a short audition. Members of Prelude will generally have taken at least two years of private lessons and will be able to noteread well in first position on all strings.

Flute Choirs

A flute choir is a wonderful place to fine-tune individual flute skills in preparation for upcoming auditions, i.e., Northeast District, All-State or college. The confidence level we build with our Flute Choir members goes a long way toward presentation in any setting and at any level.

Trisha Craig conducts the Select Flute Choir and the Flute Choir. Flute Choir meets at Trinity Episcopal Church, 124 River Road in Topsfield on Sundays from 4:00 – 5:30. Select Flute Choir also meets at the church on Sundays from 5:30 – 7:30.

Flute choir members are expected to own their own Korg tuner for their home practice.

Clarinet Choir

Nalani Fujiwara, an outstanding clarinet teacher and conductor of clarinet ensembles, directs our Clarinet Choir. The choir provides intermediate to more advanced clarinet players with an opportunity to grow and to perform. The group meets at Masconomet High School on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

NYSO Chorale

Sandra Doneski, widely recognized as an exceptional choral director and Lisa Varno, her assistant at Gordon College, share in conducting the NYSO Chorale. Chorale will meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Phillips Music Center at Gordon College in Wenham.

Lawrence Youth String Ensemble

The Lawrence Youth String Ensemble is a string orchestra for the more advanced string students in the Lawrence violin program. Trudy Larson conducts the ensemble on Friday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. The Ensemble is open to any string player in Lawrence. (See Lawrence program page.)

NYSO students who play any instrument are invited to become mentors for the Lawrence string program on Tuesday or Friday afternoons. This can count toward their school commitment for community service.

Please speak to Trudy Larson if you are interested in this opportunity.
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