



Audition Information, 2017-18

NEW Member Auditions

The audition qualifications for new members are as follows:

1. Play a piece or partial piece of music that demonstrates your level of ability. We are looking to see your ability with positions, vibrato, speed and agility and technical skill, so make sure that your piece has some slow and some fast parts. You may do two partial pieces to show your skill if you prefer. Use music that you know well and are comfortable performing.
2. Two scales; One **two-octave major** scale and one **two-octave melodic minor** scale of your choice (three octaves if you are trying out for first violin)
3. A piece of music will be given you at the audition to sight read.
4. To set up your audition please email bhartung@pcyo.org or mhartung@pcyo.org. You may also call (916) 462-4570 or (916) 624-7610.

The purpose of this audition is to place you at the correct level of orchestra. There are two levels of PCYO:

- 1) PCYO Advanced Symphonic – All orchestral instruments welcome
- 2) PCYO Intermediate – All orchestral instruments welcome

*****The above audition is to determine which level the musician is qualified for. Students may opt to just to the entrance seating the first time around and be seated behind those who are participating in seating auditions. This can help them to acclimate themselves to the orchestra. If however, they want to be seated, they may also do the seating audition once they have been placed in the right orchestra. If they choose to be seated they should have their entrance audition appointment by mid August so they have time to practice the music for seating. They may then do a seating audition which is due by September 12. The seating audition may be recorded and sent to us.

Tips for a Good Audition:

1. You will be being recorded so that the judges can listen to you more effectively. Remember, the judges are on your side. Even if you make mistakes, they are professional enough to be able to see your skill level. They are looking for many things about your playing and how it relates to the orchestra.
2. If you are unsure of appropriate music, work with your teacher and have him/her help you pick something that would be appropriate for your level. Ask for help in choosing the right scales for you and practice your sight reading for the next few weeks. We are open to a variety of styles and type of music. Just pick something YOU play well.
3. Auditions are short and sweet. You will get a written result and some input on your audition, which is fun and instructive. You will also have something to practice toward and goals to achieve. Going through an audition process is a part of life, just relax and enjoy yourselves.

*Auditions will be held at:

4635 Fifth Street, Rocklin, CA 95677

Any questions may be addressed to mhartung@pcyo.org or call (916) 624-7610

You can download applications and other information at www.pcyo.org