

Dear student musicians and families,

Congratulations on a successful audition and welcome to the LYO! My name is Alissa Brody, and I am the Executive Director of the Louisville Youth Orchestra. We have a wonderful season planned for all of our ensembles and I am so pleased you will be joining us. Please read this entire message as it contains important information.



## FORMS

**Please plan ahead to be ready to turn in the following forms at your first rehearsal:**

Required: ✓ handbook agreement, ✓ consent and release form, and ✓ COVID-19 waiver

Optional: need-based scholarship application family sponsorship

All forms are linked on the [Forms](http://www.lyo.org/forms) page ([www.lyo.org/forms](http://www.lyo.org/forms)). **The forms listed above will need to be signed by a parent/guardian.** Please print, review, and sign these forms and be ready to submit them in person at the first rehearsal.

## FIRST REHEARSAL AND SCHEDULE

Rehearsals begin on Sunday, September 18. **Check your location and rehearsal time on the [Schedule](http://www.lyo.org/schedule) page ([www.lyo.org/schedule](http://www.lyo.org/schedule)).** The 2022-2023 Season Schedule is listed online here for your reference. Mark your calendars with concert dates and begin inviting friends and family!

## PAYMENT

**The membership fee is \$550 for the 2022-2023 season. We encourage you to pay by check in person at the first rehearsal or by mail.** Online payments are also available on the [Forms](http://www.lyo.org/forms) page. Note: payments by card include a small online processing fee. If your fee is not paid by the end of the third LYO rehearsal (Oct 2), a \$50 late fee will be added. We can work with you if circumstances arise, but non-payment without communication will result in dismissal.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

LYO scholarships are need-based and have a **deadline of Tuesday, September 20.** If you applied for a need-based scholarship, you will be given 2 extra weeks to pay the remaining membership fee (to be noted on award letter).

## SAFETY

LYO safety precautions and protocols are not the same as last season, but we still care about your safety and wellbeing. This year's requirements and protocols could shift weekly or monthly, or by ensemble. Decisions are made based on factors including the level of community alert in Jefferson County, national data and trends, state and CDC guidance, and some alignment with JCPS. **We currently plan to begin rehearsals with all students masked in September. Ensembles will also continue to take timed breaks while we encourage students to get to know one another.** Like you, we hope things will soon improve so that LYO protocols can be more flexible going forward.

**Parents are not permitted inside our rehearsal venues. This rule is true for all rehearsals at YPAS. At the St Matthews Pavilion, parents can come to the check-in table at the first rehearsal on**

**September 18.** Bass players with stools or students with accommodations for physical assistance have an exception. We encourage you to make a plan as a family about your pick-up procedure.

### COMMUNICATION

We use **OneCallNow** to communicate information by email on a weekly basis. At times we may also use this system to text information. Conductors email regular feedback to ensembles. If you need to communicate about an absence or have a basic question, please email your Site Manager, not your conductor.

### FAMILY SPONSORSHIPS

Families who feel they can **assist as a financial supporter of the LYO** are encouraged to do so. One way is through Family Sponsorships—a donation to our organization. Donors will receive free entry to a number of LYO performances and be listed in all printed programs and on the LYO website.

### CONCERTO COMPETITION

Are you or is your student an advanced player who has been learning a concerto? The annual LYO concerto competition will take place the morning of October 9. Interested students should submit their Concerto Competition application (see the Forms page) and fee by Saturday, October 1. The winner(s) of the Concerto Competition are featured on the March 19, 2023 LYO concert.

### LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Students who would like to get involved on LYO Leadership teams will be given the chance to provide input and assist Site Managers or LYO staff with various activities throughout the year. Leadership roles will be opt-in rather than by vote, so please consider participating! More details coming soon.

Finally, please help us spread the word about the LYO! A lot of LYO info will be posted on our social media, [@louisvilleyouthorchestra](https://www.instagram.com/louisvilleyouthorchestra). Please share our events with your family and friends, including an upcoming giving day called **Give For Good** Louisville on September 15. For an organization of this size, *any gift can make an impact!*

I am looking forward to hearing all of the LYO ensembles begin to make music together very soon! I know you will learn so much this year from all of our wonderful conductors and staff and make life-long friends along the way. Thank you for being a part of the Louisville Youth Orchestra!

Sincerely,



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