? The Floyd County Youth Symphony (FCYS) was organized in 1974 to give outstanding young musicians the opportunity to experience a challenging music environment. Membership in FCYS is open to any qualified student in Southern Indiana or the Louisville metropolitan area.

The FCYS is divided into two orchestras for students at differing levels of technical and musical development. The Mini-Orchestra is an ensemble for young, developing string players. Rehearsals are 4-5 on Mondays. The Philharmonic Orchestra is a full orchestra for students who have achieved an advanced level of proficiency and rehearse on Mondays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Award winning directors, Doug Elmore, Scott Cooksey and Peter Hogoboam will direct the Philharmonic for the 2008-2009 season.

This year's auditions will be held in the New Albany High School orchestra room. Students should come prepared to play a short (1-2 minute) excerpt from a solo or ensemble work that demonstrates their development as a player, be prepared to play a scale that demonstrates their range, and may be asked to sight-read a short orchestral excerpt.

Philharmonic String players will audition: Violins from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Monday, September 8 and Violas, Cellos, and Bass Violins will audition from 6 to 8 p.m. Pre-registration is not required. Philharmonic wind and percussion players will audition 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, October 27. There is a $15 audition fee.

The Mini-Orchestra is open to string players through 8th grade. Auditions will be heard between 3 and 5 p.m. Monday, September 22. There is no pre-registration or audition fee required.

Members of this year's Philharmonic Orchestra are planning to enjoy a 3 day weekend trip to Cincinnati in the Spring. Those attending will hear a Cincinnati Symphony concert, Cincinnati Pops performance, along with experiencing other great Cincinnati adventures.

For more information, please contact the FCYS at FCYS@hughes.net or call 812-952-2333.?