

Floyd County Youth Symphony Auditions 2013 - 2014

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The Floyd County Youth Symphony (FCYS) is open to any qualified student in Southern Indiana or the Louisville metropolitan area. The FCYS is divided into three orchestras for students at differing levels of their technical and musical development. Organized in 1974, the orchestra's mission is to offer outstanding young musicians the opportunity to experience a challenging music environment. Continuing this tradition, members of the FCYS have been invited to perform at Disney's Magic Music Days on March 27, 2014, in Walt Disney World, Florida.

This season's auditions will be held at Floyd Central High School. Students should come prepared to play a scale that represents their range and a short excerpt from a solo or ensemble work that demonstrates their development as a player. They may be asked to sight read an excerpt from standard orchestral repertoire.

The Mini-Orchestra is an ensemble for young, developing string players through 8th grade. Auditions will be heard between 4:30 and 5:30 Friday, Sept 6th . There is no pre-registration or audition fee required. Kathryn Burger Johnson and Susan Pfeifer direct the Mini Orchestra and rehearsals are 4:30-5:30 on Mondays.

Philharmonic & Festival auditions for violins will be from 6:00 to 8:30, Monday, September 9th or Tuesday, September 10th. All other string instrument auditions for these two orchestras will be on Thursday, September 12th from 6:00 to 8:30. There is a \$25 audition fee and pre-registration is not required. Wind and percussion auditions will be announced at a later date. Philharmonic & Festival Orchestra rehearsals are on Mondays from 6-8:30 p.m. and are under the leadership of directors Doug Elmore, Scott Cooksey, Harold Yankey, Susan Pfeifer and Angela Hamilton.

The FCYS is unique in that the State of Indiana offers high school credit for participation. FCYS members must take private lessons and play their instrument in their school orchestra or band, if one is available. Rehearsals for all three orchestras will be at Floyd Central High School.

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