

Youth & Honors Orchestras
GENERAL INFORMATION
Youth Music Monterey
2009-2010 Concert Season

AUDITIONS for Winter/Spring Session

Winter session begins January 6, 2010

Spring session begins March 3, 2010

Auditions are required for:

- All new students
- Students who took a leave of absence
- Students wishing to change orchestra or section
- Students transferring to a new instrument
- Those notified that they are being asked to re-audition

Winter/Spring auditions take place before rehearsals at the Monterey High School Music Building between 3:45 pm-4:15 pm for Youth Orchestra and 6:00 pm-6:30 pm for Honors Orchestra. Students should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled audition time for check-in and warm-up.

You will be contacted by email with your audition appointment time. Please do not call the office to request your audition time... we will provide that information via email as soon as it is available. Audition requirements, as outlined by Music Director Larry Granger, are available for download on our website at www.youthmusicmonterey.org. Seating is assigned at the rehearsals and is subject to change throughout the season.

PLEASE NOTE: Email is MANDATORY. All YMM members and applicants are REQUIRED to have a working email address when their Application is submitted. There will be no exceptions to this. All YMM communications will be emailed to orchestra members throughout the season. *YMM is not responsible for missed communication due to failure to check email.* Email is Free and easily accessible by all Monterey County residents. We can assist you in setting up an email account, and can provide information about accessing the internet for free (through local schools and libraries); please contact the office if you need help with this. Musicians will be notified by email of audition results as well as other urgent YMM information throughout the season, so please be sure to submit an accurate & legible email address and **check your email at least once per week throughout the season.**

REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at the Monterey High School Music Building. All students are asked to arrive 15 minutes early to tune/warm up. A student who is not in his/her seat 5 minutes prior to the start of rehearsal will be considered tardy! Students who miss more than 2 rehearsals in a given concert set may be asked to demonstrate their preparedness prior to performing in the concert.

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| Youth Orchestra | 4:30 – 6:00 pm |
| Supplemental Coaching (schedule TBA) | 6:00 – 6:45 pm |
| Honors Orchestra | 6:45 – 8:30 pm |

The YMM Rehearsal and Performance Calendar for the 2009-2010 Concert Season can be found on our website at www.youthmusicmonterey.org

TUITION and VOLUNTEERISM

Tuition for the 2009-2010 program year is \$650.00 for the first family member, \$550.00 for the second family member, and \$450.00 for the third. Payment is expected in full when registration is turned in, unless you apply for a Payment Plan or Tuition Assistance. \$50 of your tuition is a non-refundable deposit. The balance of your tuition is non-refundable after the third rehearsal attended. Students who are auditioning must submit the \$50.00 non-refundable Tuition Deposit to secure the audition appointment, but may wait until the result of the audition is known before submitting full tuition. Payment will be accepted by check, money order, Master Card/VISA.

Please know that your tuition payment covers only a portion of the actual cost of participation in our Orchestras. Therefore, we are requiring each family to submit a completed volunteer form, and have made the enclosed sign-up sheet more specific to accommodate your busy schedules. Parents who are unable to volunteer will be given the option of paying the non-subsidized tuition rate of \$1,650. Parents who do not submit a completed form will be assigned 3 volunteer duties, and if fail to perform these, will be charged the non-subsidized tuition rate (\$1,650).

Payment plans are available to all orchestra members. The first payment is due with your registration packet. A coupon book will be mailed to each family enrolled in the payment plan option. A \$5 / month processing fee is included in all payment plans. A student whose tuition payments are not current may be disqualified from performing. If at some point during the year you would like to request Tuition Assistance, please contact the YMM office for an application. Please note that all payments are due until Tuition Assistance is granted and that Tuition Assistance cannot be used to cover back payments. Information on Tuition Assistance is enclosed.

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer break and look forward to seeing returning and new students at our audition and rehearsals. Please call 831-375-1992 if you have any questions about our upcoming season and programs!