

MAYS



METROPOLITAN AREA YOUTH SYMPHONY

Audition Materials

The goal of a MAYS audition is for the Artistic Director to hear you play at your musical best, to ensure that you are placed in an orchestra where you will be surrounded by musicians of similar strength and challenged on a weekly basis. With that in mind, the three elements in a MAYS audition are scales, solo, and sight-reading. In each, the Artistic Director will be listening for your overall sound quality, your sense of pitch, accuracy of rhythm, and observing your technique. If you have any questions, please contact us.

SYMPHONY – Tuba

SCALES - Perform the following scales and arpeggios in eighth notes, at a tempo of quarter note = 60 bpm. Please play 2 octaves where possible, the third octave is welcomed if it is a complete octave.

D major scale and arpeggio
f# melodic minor scale and arpeggio

SOLO - Prepare a three minute excerpt from a major concerto demonstrating technical skill and lyrical ability. Solos need not be memorized, but please bring an additional copy for our Artistic Director to view as you play.

SIGHT READING - A brief excerpt of music will be given to you to sight-read as part of your audition. The best way for you to prepare for this is to read new music on a daily basis.

EXCERPTS - Prepare the following excerpts. It is highly recommended that you do this in conjunction with your private instructor. Listening to recordings for an understanding of the musical context is also recommended. However, please perform the excerpts at the tempo indicated.

Sibelius - Symphony No. 1

Excerpt 1 - Movement IV: 4 measures after [N] to 22 measures after [O]

Tuba

Mahler - Symphony No. 1

Movement III: 4 measures before [3] to 3 measures before [5]

Tuba