

## 2024-2025 Season Audition Letter

**Auditions are held at:**  
3113 Primrose Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

- **CSYSA Groups**

- **Full Orchestra**

- Youth Symphony: Collegiate Level Full Orchestra (YS) - Monday's from 6:45-9:00 pm
- Ovation Youth Orchestra: Advanced Full Orchestra (OYO) - Monday's from 4:30-6:30 pm

- **Band**

- Pikes Peak Wind Symphony: Advanced (PPW) - Wednesday's from 6:45-8:45 pm
- Bravo! Winds: Intermediate (BW) - Tuesday's from 4:45-6:45 pm

- **String Orchestra**

- Vivace String Orchestra: Level 4 (VIV) - Wednesday's from 4:30-6:30 pm
- Allegro String Orchestra: Level 3 (ALG) - Thursday's from 4:45-6:45 pm
- Amadeus String Orchestra: Level 2 (AMA) - Thursday's from 4:45-6:45 pm
- Wolfgang String Orchestra: Level 1 (WG) - Wednesday's from 4:30-6:15 pm

- **Jazz Band**

- Ascent Big Band: Advanced (ABB) - Tuesday's from 7:00-8:30 pm
- Pinnacle Jazz: Intermediate (PJ) - Thursday's from 7:00-8:15 pm

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Regardless of the excerpt you choose to perform, the judges will place you in a group of musicians who perform at a similar level. For example, depending upon the quality of your audition, if you perform a Pikes Peak Winds trumpet excerpt, you may be placed in Bravo or maybe Ovation. Or, if you choose a trumpet excerpt from Ovation, you may still be placed in Pikes Peak Winds. Only one audition is needed for placement in a group. **When selecting audition excerpts, select ones you can play well now.** Remember, it is better to play a simpler excerpt well than to perform a difficult excerpt badly.

## 2024-2025 Season Audition Letter

- **Registration Instructions for All Instruments and All Groups (except jazz - see next page)**

- There are three parts to your audition: **1)** scales, **2)** excerpt, **3)** sight reading. For those who are auditioning for Pikes Peak Winds, Ovation or Youth Symphony, there is a fourth component to your audition: **4)** solo or etude (2 minutes maximum).
- Please see your group's specific excerpt and scale requirements in the "Audition Instructions" document on the first page of your instruments' audition music.
  - **Step One:** Finish reading this document carefully as our audition process has changed.
  - **Step Two:** Select your [audition music](#).
  - **Step Three:** [Schedule](#) your audition
    - If auditioning on multiple instruments, please select an audition slot for each instrument.
  - **Step Four:** Complete your [audition form](#)
    - In order to successfully complete this form, you must submit a \$10 non-refundable audition fee.
    - If auditioning on multiple instruments, please submit an audition form for each instrument.
    - If we do not receive a completed audition form from you prior to your audition, we will have you complete one by hand at check-in as well as take your payment for the \$10 audition fee.
      - Acceptable payment methods include: exact cash, or credit card.

## 2024-2025 Season Audition Letter

- **Registration and Audition Instructions for Ascent Jazz Band and Pinnacle Jazz Band**

- There are three parts to your audition: **1)** scales, **2)** excerpt, **3)** improv.
- Please see your group's specific excerpt and scale requirements in the "Audition Instructions" document on the first page of your instruments' audition music.
  - **Step One:** Finish reading this document carefully as our audition process has changed.
  - **Step Two:** Select your [audition music](#).
  - **Step Three:** [Schedule](#) your audition
    - If auditioning on multiple instruments, please sign-up for an audition slot for each instrument.
  - **Step Four:** Complete your [audition form](#)
    - In order to successfully complete this form, you must submit a \$10 non-refundable audition fee.
    - If auditioning on multiple instruments, please submit an audition form for each instrument.
    - If we do not receive a completed audition form from you prior to your audition, we will have you complete one by hand at check-in as well as take your payment for the \$10 audition fee.
      - Acceptable payment methods include: exact cash, or credit card.

## 2024-2025 Season Audition Letter

- **Additional Information**

- Full orchestras consist of woodwinds, brass, percussion, and strings.
- Bands consist of woodwinds, brass, and percussion.
- String orchestras consist of strings only.
- Harp and piano positions are only available for the Youth Symphony.
- There is a \$10 non-refundable fee payable at the time of the audition.
- **Plan to arrive 15-20 minutes prior to your audition time in order to get checked in and warm up.**
- For string musicians who are not quite ready for our auditioned groups, CSYSA offers a beginning strings program for students with little to no experience. Information can be found on our website - [Mozart Strings Project](#).
- General auditions are held every year in May. Auditions for open positions are held in September and December. If additional instrumentation is needed, individual auditions are available. Check with the CSYSA Office for more information.