

2024/25 Audition Requirements

As part of your application, candidates auditioning for YSKC should record an unedited video which includes:

- A short verbal introduction from the candidate (1 minute) talking about themselves, why music is important to them, why they wish to join YSKC and what they hope to achieve in future.
- A **performance of the material** appropriate to the **Grade Level they will be entering** at school in Fall of 2024, **as outlined below**.

Once this is completed, please upload this as an UNLISTED video to YouTube, and provide the link to this video in your application.

N.B. If you choose to audition on more than one instrument, i.e. 'cello and percussion, submit two videos on ONE application.

Here are a few things for Candidates to remember when submitting an application:

- At YSKC, we look for musical **potential**, not perfection.
- We help and encourage our students to **find their own voice** and develop individual excellence.
- Throughout **elementary, middle and high** school, we help students turn aspiration into achievement.

We're passionate about helping young musicians like you reach their musical potential in an orchestral setting and beyond. We are excited to meet you via video submission, and we really look forward to hearing you play.

Good Luck!

Keith Stanfield

Artistic Director - The Youth Symphony of Kansas City

JUNIOR SCHOOL:
5TH - 8TH GRADE (2024/25)

PLEASE RECORD AN UNEDITED VIDEO CONTAINING:

- A short verbal introduction from the candidate (1 minute) talking about themselves, why music is important to them, why they wish to join YSKC and what they hope to achieve in future.
- The orchestral excerpt below - prioritizing intonation, tone and rhythm over tempo
- 2-3 minutes of a piece of your choice, **which best showcases your talents**

Tragic Overture

TUBA

Johannes Brahms
Arranged by Vernon Leidig

Allegro non troppo 10

1 *ff* 2-6 5 7 *p* 8 9 *sf* 11 *sf*

12 *f* 13 14 *sf* 15 16 *sf* 17-18 2 *sf*

21 19 20 22 *sf* 23 24 25

Upload your audition video that includes the **verbal introduction, orchestral excerpt and solo piece** to YouTube as an **unlisted video**, viewable via link ([see instructional video](#))

Copy and paste the unlisted link into your YSKC application, accessible via our Candidate Portal at [YSKC.org](https://www.yskc.org). Applications will be available by March 21st, 2024.

SENIOR SCHOOL:
9TH - 12TH GRADE (2024/25)

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Die Meistersinger (Richard Wagner)

molto legato

The musical score is written for the Tuba in 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a rest for one measure, followed by a series of eighth notes and quarter notes, marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The second staff continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns, marked with *f sempre* and *piu f*. The third staff concludes the excerpt with a final flourish, marked with *ff* (fortissimo).

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