

**YOUTH
SYMPHONY of
KANSAS CITY**



**2026-2027
Internal Audition
Application**

HORN

2026-2027 Internal Audition Application Process

This is a guide for how to submit your audition. It is a five-step process outlined below:

Note: This is only for returning students who have previously participated in Youth Symphony of Kansas City.

1. Complete the Re-enrollment Application
 - Due Feb 14, 2026, 11:59 PM CST
 - \$40.00
 - <https://fs9.formsite.com/youthsymphonykc/joxbznougx/index>

2. If you are in Debut, Philharmonic, or Classical Orchestra and want to stay in your current ensemble, skip to Step 5.

3. Download the audition packet.

4. Complete the audition application.
 - No fee.
 - Record a single, continuous, and unedited video and upload to YouTube in advance.
 - <https://fs9.formsite.com/youthsymphonykc/qxakr64m6q/index>

5. Complete enrollment in Veracross. An ensemble placement will be made by the YSKC Faculty by May 23, 2026. Please fill out the enrollment form, and pay the enrollment fee and tuition deposit before June 1, 2026.

Questions? Email us at hello@yskc.org.

Philharmonic Orchestra 5th–8th Grade (2026-2027)

PLEASE RECORD AN UNEDITED VIDEO CONTAINING:

- The orchestral excerpt below - prioritizing intonation, tone and rhythm over tempo (no repeat).

“March” from the *Nutcracker Ballet*, Tchaikovsky, arr. Merle Isaac

Horn, mm. 1-18

♩ = 144

Tempo di Marcia

1. I. TCHAIKOVSKY
arr. by Merle J. Isaac

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

Copy and paste the unlisted link into your YSKC audition application, accessible via this link: <https://fs9.formsite.com/youthsymphonykc/qxakr64m6q/index>. Applications will be available by February 15, 2026.

Classical Orchestra

9th–12th Grade (2026-2027)

PLEASE RECORD AN UNEDITED VIDEO CONTAINING:

- The orchestral excerpts below - prioritizing intonation, tone and rhythm over tempo.

Beethoven, *Egmont Overture*

mm. 287 - End

Tempo: Half note = 94

The image shows a musical score for the Horn part of Beethoven's *Egmont Overture*, measures 287 to 328. The score is written in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked "Allegro con brio". The music begins at measure 287 with a *pp* dynamic and a *cresc.* marking. The first six measures are numbered 1 through 6. The dynamics range from *pp* to *ff*. The score includes a section marked "H" (Horn) starting at measure 304. The music concludes at measure 328 with a *ff* dynamic.

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Symphony Orchestra

11th-12th Grade (2026-2027)

- To be considered for Symphony Orchestra, you must complete the Classical Orchestra audition as well as the Symphony Orchestra audition.
- The Classical and Symphony Orchestra auditions may be two separate videos, but both links must be submitted in the application to be considered.
- Record an unedited video of the orchestral excerpt below - prioritizing intonation, tone and rhythm over tempo.

Beethoven, *Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125, Mvt IV*

Horn, mm. 337-558

♩ = 144

Horn in D

The image shows a musical score for Horn in D, measures 431-505. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked "sempre l'istesso tempo". The score includes dynamic markings such as *ff* (fortissimo) and *sf* (sforzando). The score is divided into systems, with measures 431-444, 445-462, 463-487, 488-495, and 505. The score includes a section for Cor. III, IV and a section for Viol. I. The score is marked with "L" for *ritardando* and "1" for a first ending. The score is marked with "10" and "7" for repeat signs. The score is marked with "1" for a first ending. The score is marked with "1" for a first ending.

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514 1-11 2 3 4 5 6
ff sf sf f f f f f f

524 7 8 9 10 11
f dimin. p più p

535 *pp sempre pp pp cresc. ff* M

546

556

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