Scheduled auditions are held at the beginning of each term in September and February

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:
Youth Symphony - Students should prepare to play scales as required of MSBOA Proficiency I (available on the SMSO Website) and a piece of their choice under two minutes in length. Sight-reading will also be included. Auditions are required of all NEW members.

Encore Strings, Concert Strings, and LMYO Winds Elementary and Middle School students who wish to be considered for the Encore Strings, Concert Strings, and LMYO Winds will be asked to play a short piece of their choice and a scale representing their present level of technique and range.

Students interested in auditioning should call the SMSO office at 269-982-4030 to make an appointment.

Detailed information regarding auditions is available on our website at www.smso.org under educational programs.

Tuition

- $105 each term and is due by the first rehearsal
- $65 for each additional student in the same family

BENEFITS:
- Free passes to all SMSO mainstage concerts.
- Families receive 2 adult tickets to the LMYO-SMSO “Side-by-Side” concert.
- Parents receive a 25% discount to SMSO mainstage concerts – Zone A seating.
- Opportunities to perform throughout the community.

SCHOLARSHIPS:
- Need based scholarships are available through the SMSO office for tuition fees. Please contact the SMSO for additional information.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT US
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Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra is an educational program of the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra
Scholarships

Each spring, nearly $3,000 in scholarships are awarded to outstanding LMYO students for attendance at summer music camps and/or seminars.

An endowment fund has been established to ensure continued growth in this extremely important program.

Scholarships

Ensembles

YOUTH SYMPHONY
The Youth Symphony is the most advanced ensemble of the Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra. Comprised of strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion, it allows the ensemble to perform a wider and more advanced repertoire of symphonic music. It is aimed at musicians at the high school or higher level, with at least three years of experience.

ENCORE STRINGS
The Encore Strings is the intermediate level ensemble of LMYO. It offers strings only musical repertoire for players with two to three years of instrument experience. Students should have knowledge of shifting positions (3rd for violin and viola, 2nd for cello) and more advanced bowing styles such as spiccato and lourê.

CONCERT STRINGS – SPRING SESSION ONLY
The Concert Strings ensemble is an entry level string group for the Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra. This group is offered in the spring only. Players should be able to read music and have at least one year of instrument experience. Members are introduced to concepts such as balance, intonation, how to follow a conductor, and listening to your section during ensemble playing.

LMYO WINDS
LMYO Winds offers instruction and rehearsal in advanced middle level wind repertoire, small group coaching and instrument-specific master class sessions, and supplemental performance opportunities for middle school wind players and percussionists. The ensemble is open to woodwind, brass, and percussion students with at least one year of experience on their instrument.

Rehearsals & Performances

REHEARSALS MONDAY EVENINGS
Upton Middle School, 800 Maiden Lane, St. Joseph, MI
- Youth Symphony 6:00 - 8:30 PM (4 concerts)
- Encore Strings 6:00 - 7:30 PM (2 concerts)
- Concert Strings 6:00 - 7:30 PM *(1 concert)
- LMYO Winds 6:00 - 7:30 PM (2 concerts)
*Spring Term only

SIDE BY SIDE CONCERT
The Youth Symphony and the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra (SMSO) combine efforts annually for this excellent educational opportunity. Students sit next to professional musicians for the performance of a major piece of music at one of the regular classical concerts of the SMSO.

SECTION COACHING
The LMYO engages professional musicians and music educators to work with the individual sections of all four ensembles several times a year. Students gain valuable technical and musical information from these sectionals and learn about music as a profession.

Lake Michigan
YOUTH ORCHESTRA
2019-2020 LMYO CONCERT SCHEDULE

WINTER CONCERTS
Friday, December 13, 2019 7:00 pm
Lake Michigan Youth Symphony
South Haven HS Listiak Auditorium, South Haven, MI

Sunday, December 15, 2019 4:00 pm
Lake Michigan Youth Orchestras - Winter Concert
Howard Performing Arts Center, Berrien Springs, MI

SPRING CONCERTS
Sunday, April 26, 2020 4:00 pm
Side by Side Concert performed with the SMSO
Howard Performing Arts Center, Berrien Springs, MI

Sunday, May 3, 2020 4:00 pm
Lake Michigan Youth Orchestras - Spring Concert
St Joseph High School, St. Joseph MI

An Education for Life

The Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra provides a rich orchestra music experience of the highest quality to students between elementary and college age. Membership is open by audition for all four groups. Young musicians through college age are encouraged to participate.

ELIGIBILITY
Students in all orchestras MUST participate in their own school orchestra or band program if one exists at their school in order to participate in the LMYO program. Exceptions to this eligibility requirement must be for class scheduling conflicts and must be approved by the band or orchestra director at the student’s respective school.

PERSONAL GROWTH
Membership in LMYO promotes personal growth through the discipline of individual and group practice and the participation in group activities with a common goal.

LIFELONG INVOLVEMENT WITH MUSIC
LMYO students are inspired toward a lifelong involvement with music whether as professional performers, music educators or members in their college and/or community music programs.

FUTURE AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT
The understanding and appreciation of classical music encouraged by LMYO participation provides informed audiences for the future. All students are given “free” passes to SMSO concerts and are encouraged to attend these outstanding professional concerts.

AFFORDABLE AND CONVENIENT CONCERTS
LMYO encourages appreciation and support of fine music in the community by providing concerts which are convenient to such groups as the very young, senior citizens, and those who are unable to afford the expense of professional performances.

ENHANCEMENT OF SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAMS
The LMYO enhances existing southwest Michigan school music programs and provides orchestral opportunities for those students who do not have a school music program.