



2011-2012 Auditions for our 30th season



Auditions will be held by appointment only
at Dobson High School
1501 W. Guadalupe, in Mesa.

Tuesday, August 16 - Wednesday, August 17
4:00pm - 9:00pm

Our Mission

To educate young instrumental musicians through the 9th grade in the art of orchestral performance through the use of the world's finest orchestral music to develop character, discipline, leadership, cultural awareness, and a strong commitment to excellence; thus, enabling MYS to contribute to the East Valley's rich cultural heritage and create a higher level of appreciation for the performing arts.

Audition Deadline

The postmark deadline for early registration is August 1, 2011. To schedule your audition time, complete the attached form and mail it with your \$20 non-refundable audition fee to:

MYS Auditions
PO Box 41852
Mesa, AZ 85274-1852

After August 1st, a \$5 late fee must be added.

Please check your calendar before mailing this application. If you have a conflict with any date or time scheduled for auditions, you must include a note specifying the conflict (and mail your application in as early as possible). No changes will be made after audition times are assigned. You will be mailed notification of your audition time after the August 1st deadline.

Check the MYS website for updated audition information.

www.azmys.org

For more information, call (480) 456-9501
or send an email to: azmys@qwestoffice.net



For more information about MYS,
please visit our website
www.azmys.org

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Please send Application and Audition Fee to: **MYS Auditions PO Box 41852 Mesa, AZ 85274-1852**
AUDITION APPLICATION (Please fill out completely-print clearly)

Student name _____

Student email _____

Parent email _____

Phone _____

Address _____, AZ Zip _____

Instrument _____ School (2011-2012) _____ Grade (2011-2012) _____

I am a member of my school band orchestra If not, explain: _____

(SEE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS)

String players: If selected for Div I or II, will you apply for the MYS Fiddlers? Yes No

Are you currently taking private lessons? Yes No Private teacher's name _____

Current MYS member? Yes No If yes, circle division I II III IV (Were you violin I or violin 2)

Solo to be performed at audition: _____ Composer: _____

(THIS IS REQUIRED INFORMATION!)

I was referred to MYS by: _____ who was in Div _____

**MYS OFFICE
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Check # _____

Date Rcv'd _____

Date _____

Time _____

Judge _____

About MYS

Metropolitan Youth Symphony was organized in 1982 for the development of talented young musicians in the Valley area.

Under the supervision of Wayne Roederer, Musical Director, and Lew Felton, Associate Musical Director, MYS provides musicians through ninth grade with challenging rehearsal and performance experiences in a professional environment. The members of MYS are divided by ability into four divisions which include 3 string orchestras and a full symphony orchestra.

In addition to these experiences, MYS members of Division I and II may participate in the MYS Fiddlers. All MYS students are able to participate in our solo and ensemble recital series, scholarship competition, and a variety of other musical activities. A minimum of four concerts are scheduled each season, three of which are held in the world class Ikeda Theater at the Mesa Arts Center.

Our Music Staff

The conducting staff of MYS is recognized as leaders and master teachers in the state of Arizona.

Karalee Hagen

MYS Division One Conductor
Director of Orchestras Mesa High School

Lew Felton

MYS Division Two/Fiddlers Conductor/Assoc Musical Director
Director of Orchestras Madison Elementary

Amy Bennett

MYS Division Three Conductor
Director of Orchestras Highland Junior High

Sandra Alston

MYS Division Four Conductor
Director of Orchestras Edison Elementary

Dennis Marcum

Winds/Percussion Coach
Director of Bands Fremont Junior High

Wayne Roederer

MYS Musical Director
Strings Coordinator Mesa Public Schools (Retired)

Audition Requirements

Please ask your private teacher or visit www.azmys.org for more complete information on audition requirements.

- ♪ A short prepared, unaccompanied solo (or a portion of a longer piece) of the student's choice. (Solo is not required to be memorized)
- ♪ Scales (major) in as many octaves and keys as appropriate for the student's individual level. Scales need to be memorized and played in eighth notes. (quarter note = 60)
- ♪ Sight reading (furnished by adjudicator).
- ♪ Percussion students should be prepared to show competency on snare drum, tympani and xylophone. They must furnish their own sticks and mallets.

Membership Requirements

MYS members must be a member of their school band or orchestra (if one exists in the school curriculum) on the same instrument played in MYS.

MYS members are responsible for attending all concerts and rehearsals. A detailed handbook with a schedule of events for the entire season will be distributed at the **first rehearsal**, Thursday, September 1st, 2011.

Membership Fees

Membership fees for the 2011-2012 season are:

- \$140 - MYS Fiddlers
(Fiddlers must be a member of Div I or II)
- \$205 - Divisions III and IV (String Orchestras)
- \$235 - Division II (String Orchestra)
- \$310 - Division I (Full Symphony Orchestra)
Includes fee for weekend retreat - Oct. 1 & 2

Rehearsal Schedule

First rehearsal is Thursday, September 1, 2011

Divisions III and IV	4:30pm - 6:00pm
MYS Fiddlers	4:30pm - 6:00pm
Divisions I and II	6:30pm - 8:30pm

Thursdays at Dobson High School in Mesa



MYS Fiddlers



Lew Felton, Associate Musical Director/Conductor Division II brings 24 years of fiddling experience to this program. The MYS Fiddlers provide an exciting alternative performance experience to qualified and interested MYS Division I and II members.

- ♪ Fiddlers must be members in good standing in Div. I or II.
- ♪ Rehearsals will be on Thursdays from 4:30pm - 6:00pm at Dobson High.
- ♪ Instrumentation is the violin and bass. Viola and cello players who can provide their own violin or bass are welcome to participate.
- ♪ Fiddlers are responsible for attending extra performances throughout the MYS season.
- ♪ Membership fee for MYS Fiddlers is \$140 (this is in addition to the Div. I and II fees).