

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 possible 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, mallets and snare.

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 3rd, 2009.**

AUDITION DEADLINE

The postmark deadline for early registration is August 3, 2009. 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, Arizona 85274-1852

After August 3rd, 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 EARLY). No changes will be made after audition times are assigned (except in case of emergency). You will be mailed notification of your audition time after the August 3rd deadline.

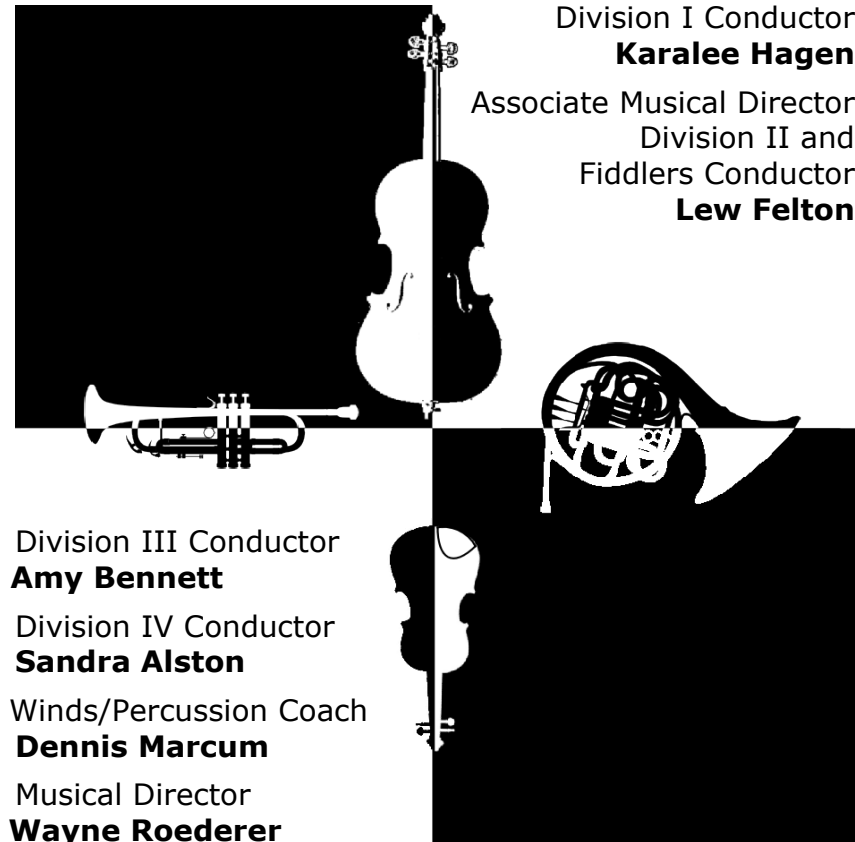
Check the MYS website for updated audition information.

www.azmys.org

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



2009-2010 AUDITIONS for our 28th season



Division I Conductor
Karalee Hagen

Associate Musical Director
Division II and
Fiddlers Conductor
Low Felton

Division III Conductor
Amy Bennett

Division IV Conductor
Sandra Alston

Winds/Percussion Coach
Dennis Marcum

Musical Director
Wayne Roederer

AUDITION SCHEDULE

Auditions will be held by appointment only at Dobson High School, 1501 W. Guadalupe Road in Mesa, located between Dobson and Alma School Rds on the south side of the road.

Tuesday, August 18 - Wednesday, August 19
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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.

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

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.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

First rehearsal September 3rd, 2009

Divisions III and IV 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

MYS Fiddlers 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Divisions I and II 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Thursdays at Mesa High School and Dobson High School

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees for the 2009-2010 season are:

\$125 - MYS Fiddlers (Fiddlers must be a member of Div I or II)

\$180 - Divisions III and IV (String Orchestras)

\$185 - Division II (String Orchestra)

\$250 - Division I (Full Symphony Orchestra)

Includes fee for weekend retreat - Oct. 3 & 4

OUR MUSIC STAFF

Conductor, Division I - Karalee Hagen: Mrs. Hagen is Director of Orchestras at Mesa High School and maintains a private double bass studio. With 22 years of teaching experience, Mrs. Hagen has taught elementary, junior high and high school strings. She holds a Masters Degree in Conducting and has served in Arizona as ABODA Vice-President and guest conductor at the NAU Summer Music Camp. She is currently Co-Chair and Coordinator of the annual Arizona Bass Jam as well as an active clinician and adjudicator.

Associate Musical Director/Conductor, Division II & Fiddlers - Lew Felton: Mr. Felton started teaching in 1978 and is currently Director of Orchestras at Madison Elementary School in Mesa. Recognized as one of the top string educators in Arizona, Mr. Felton is constantly in demand as a clinician and guest conductor. In 1987, while at Fees Middle School, his orchestra was invited to perform at the Western Division of the Music Educators National Conference. Mr. Felton is also a recognized expert in fiddling education and under his leadership, the MYS fiddlers have won numerous individual awards in competition.

Conductor, Division III - Amy Bennett: Mrs. Bennett is in her 12th year of teaching in the Gilbert Schools where she is Director of Orchestras at Highland Junior High and Assistant Director of Orchestras at Highland High School. Her junior high orchestra has been invited to perform at the state music teachers' conference in 2000, 2003, and 2007. Mrs. Bennett holds a Masters Degree in Instrumental Music Education.

Conductor, Division IV - Sandra Alston: Mrs. Alston was a member of MYS in the founding season, 1982. She went on to become a very successful elementary strings teacher in the Mesa Schools. Her students consistently received top ratings in festival competitions and developed a lifelong love of music. Mrs. Alston is earning her Masters Degree and has completed ESL endorsement for the State of Arizona. She maintains a private lesson studio and keeps herself occupied with her five boys. Mrs. Alston was a student of Mr. Roederer's and her sons are current members of MYS.

Winds/Percussion Coach - Dennis Marcum: Mr. Marcum graduated from Arizona State University in 1999 and began teaching at Fremont Jr. High. Prior to teaching, he was a drummer and traveled with various bands across the states. Mr. Marcum's Fremont bands have consistently received Superior with Distinction ratings at state festivals. In 2006, the Fremont Falcon Band received national recognition, placing in the top 6 in National Wind Band Honors.

Musical Director - Wayne Roederer: Mr. Roederer was a principal force in the founding of MYS. Serving as Musical Director, Mr. Roederer has been with MYS since 1982. He served as String Coordinator for the Mesa Public Schools for 29 years, was Arizona's 1995 "String Teacher of the Year", and the "National String Teacher of the Year" in 1996. He also served as conductor of the Mesa Symphony and the Mesa Civic Ballet. Mr. Roederer is recognized as a "visionary leader" in string education.

MYS FIDDLERS

Low Felton, Associate Musical Director/Conductor Division II brings 23 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 Mesa High and 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 \$125 (this is in addition to the Div. I and II fees).



For more information about MYS, please visit our website

www.azmys.org



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 (2009-2010) _____ Grade (2009-2010) _____

I am a member of my school band orchestral 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 1 or violin 2)

Solo to be performed at audition: _____ Composer: _____
(REQUIRED INFORMATION!)

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

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Check # _____	Date _____
Date Recvd _____	MYS Initials _____
Date _____	Time _____
Judge _____	