

APPLICATION

Select the PYCO ensemble you are interested in joining.*

PYCO Orchestra (Gr: 9th-12th) _____ **Chamber Brass** (Gr: 8th-12th) _____

Chamber Strings (Gr: 6th-9th) _____ **Jr. Wind Ensemble** (Gr: 5th-8th) _____

Jr. Strings (Gr: 4th-7th) _____

* Placement is at the sole discretion of PYCO ensemble directors. After your audition, you will be notified to which ensemble you have been accepted.

STUDENT:

Name: _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____ Grade (2015-16): _____

Instrument(s): _____

Total yrs of study: _____ Yrs of study w/ current private teacher : _____

School: _____ School District: _____

Email: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel (h) _____ (c) _____

Email: _____

Private Teacher:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

School Music Teacher: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Please enclose non-refundable \$25 application fee made payable to PYCO.

Mail this form with \$25 check to:

Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra
10203 Country Manor Lane
Wexford, PA 15090

Upon receipt of this form and the \$25 application fee, you will be contacted to schedule a date and time for your audition. You will be notified by mail of your acceptance.



Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra

Mailing Address

10203 Country Manor Lane
Wexford, PA 15090

Rehearsal Address

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
1965 Ferguson Road
Allison Park, PA 15101

Phone: 412.600.5369

Web: www.pyco.org

E-mail: info@pyco.org

PYCO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



INFORMATION & APPLICATION

2016-2017 Season



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About PYCO

The Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra was founded in 2006 by Pablo Ardiles, who is enjoying his 11th year as PYCO Artistic Director. What began as a youth chamber orchestra has grown to a **full symphonic orchestra** with the addition of various ensembles, giving young musicians a variety of opportunities to pursue their love of musical performance.

PYCO performs several concerts per year throughout the Pittsburgh area. We offer a 1-week **orchestra day camp** during the summer. The camp is open to all current members as well as interested students who want to explore orchestral and ensemble playing.

Every 3 years we give students the opportunity to perform abroad in an **international concert tour**. In July 2012 we performed in Salzburg, Vienna and Prague, and in July 2015 we performed in London, Stratford-upon-Avon and Paris. Our next tour is scheduled for July 2018, with concerts in Rome, Florence, and Venice.

Application & Audition

To apply to any of our ensembles, fill out the application on the back of this brochure, and mail it to the address provided. You can also apply online at pyco.org. PYCO offers ensembles for **strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, piano, and harp**. Membership is by audition or at the recommendation of the ensemble directors.

Auditions for admittance into PYCO or any PYCO ensemble for the 2016 – 2017 season will be on Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 12 pm to 7 pm. **We also offer year-round auditions by appointment.**

PYCO Ensembles

PYCO Orchestra: Conducted by PYCO Artistic Director, Pablo Ardiles, membership in this division is reserved for outstanding string, winds, brass & percussion players whose technical level is highly advanced, who show strong musicianship, and who are capable of the discipline and commitment necessary to perform in one of Pittsburgh's premier youth orchestras. **Repertoire is at college/professional level.** The orchestra accepts students in grades 9th to 12th, although musicians may remain beyond high school.

Chamber Brass: This program provides a unique opportunity for talented brass players in grades 8th to 12th to perform exciting and **challenging music for brass ensemble**, under the direction of Phil VanOuse and Rick Murrell.

Chamber Strings: Under the direction of Younga Reitz, this program is designed to **advance the level of string players** in grades 6th to 9th in preparation for the more demanding repertoire in PYCO.

Jr. Strings: Under the direction of Joyce Wohlgemuth, this program is designed to build **solid, fundamental rhythmic and orchestral skills and improved sight-reading abilities** in a non-competitive, relaxed, supportive and fun environment for string students in grades 4th to 7th.

Jr. Wind Ensemble: Comprised of woodwinds, brass and percussion players in grades 5th to 8th, this program is designed to inspire students through challenging and engaging wind ensemble music in a fun and nurturing environment.

In addition, we offer the unique opportunity for each section of the wind ensemble to be featured as independent groups, performing as **Jr. Woodwinds** (Linda Granite, director), **Jr. Brass** (Phil VanOuse, director) and **Jr. Percussion** (Amy Stubbs, director).



Ensemble Information

	School Grade ¹	Rehearsal Time ²	Semester Cost ³
PYCO Orchestra	9 th - 12 th	2:00 - 5:00	\$400
Chamber Brass	8 th - 12 th	2:00 - 3:00	\$200
Chamber Strings	6 th - 9 th	3:30 - 5:30	\$225
Jr. Wind Ensemble	5 th - 8 th	3:30 - 4:30	\$200
Jr. Strings	4 th - 7 th	2:00 - 3:00	\$200

¹ Grades are listed as general guidelines only. Placement is at the sole discretion of ensemble directors.

² Rehearsals for all ensembles are on Sundays at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1965 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101.

³ First semester is September through mid-December. Second semester is January through April. Each additional student in the same family receives a 10% discount.