

Please note the following important information regarding the audition process:

(1) Location:

All auditions will take place at the Music Center at Strathmore, located at the intersection of Tuckerman Lane and Rockville Pike, in North Bethesda, Maryland. The address is:

5301 Tuckerman Lane
N. Bethesda, MD 20852

Upon arrival, proceed immediately to check in at the MCYO Registration Desk, located in the Main Lobby, 3rd floor, near the Ticket Office. Directions and information regarding warm up rooms and specific audition rooms will be provided there.

(2) Parking:

Parking in the Strathmore lots, at either the Strathmore Mansion on Rockville Pike or at the Music Center parking lot itself, is prohibited. On-street metered parking on Tuckerman Lane is available and is free after 7:00 pm. Parking is always available for \$4.00 at the Grosvenor/Strathmore Metro Parking Lot, located directly across the street from the Music Center. Please note that you must have a Metro Smart Card to leave the parking lot. Metro Smart Cards can be purchased at the Grosvenor/Strathmore Metro Station for \$5.00.

(3) Arrival time:

Musicians should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their audition time. Please allow time for traffic and parking. Upon arrival, proceed to the MCYO Registration Desk, located in the 3rd floor lobby just outside the Education Center. There will be a significant number of students registering, so please allow adequate time for this process. After checking in and receiving audition materials, students will be directed to a supervised warm up room, where they may tune, warm up and relax prior to auditioning. They will be called to their respective audition rooms approximately 10 minutes prior to their actual audition. Please plan arrival time to allow adequate time for registration and warm up, understanding that **students will be called and should be prepared to leave the audition room 10 minutes prior to auditions.**

(4) Parent/Guardian Seating:

After check-in at the 3rd floor Registration Desk, parents, guardians, and all others accompanying students to auditions should wait in the Education Center Reception Area or Café. **Please be advised that only auditioning students may enter warm up area.** **Additionally, all auditions are private. Please do not approach the doors of the audition rooms or wait in areas adjacent to audition rooms.** This is highly distracting to auditioning students and judges, and causes considerable delay and confusion for staff and auditioning students. With over 900 auditions scheduled, MCYO must adhere to this policy without exception. Your cooperation is appreciated.

(5) What To Bring:

Musicians must bring their instrument, an original copy of their prepared audition piece, and an additional photocopy of the music for the adjudicator. It is always wise to bring extra strings, rosin, reeds, cello stops, or other necessary accessories in case of an unexpected emergency. Percussionists must also bring their own sticks, mallets, and snare drum.

At the Registration Desk, students will be provided an audition score sheet, which students take to their auditions and hand to the *orchestra manager*, who will be stationed directly outside of the audition room. The manager will verify the information and give the score sheet to the adjudicator. Students will be given a hand out about how they can access audition results.

MCYO respects and appreciates your commitment to music and this organization. Best wishes for a successful audition!