

FOX VALLEY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

AUDITION GUIDELINES

	STRINGS	WOODWINDS AND BRASS	PERCUSSION
AGE	Minimum age 11 or entering 6th grade	Minimum age 13 or entering 8th grade	Minimum age 11 or entering 6th grade
EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2 years playing experience • Shift comfortably through 5th position • Cellists : experience with tenor clef 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 2 years ensemble experience • Ability to play in multiple keys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2 years ensemble experience • Ability to play snare, timpani, mallets, and auxiliary instruments (cymbals, triangle, etc.)
SCALES	All major and minor scales up to 3 sharps and 3 flats, 2 or 3 octaves (preferred)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chromatic scales from lowest to highest comfortable range • Major scales key up to 3 sharps and 3 flats, 2 octaves preferred. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate on mallet instrument one major, one minor, and chromatic scale
AUDITION REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two contrasting solo pieces, representing both technical and musical abilities • Scales from above • Sight-reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two contrasting solo pieces, representing both technical and musical abilities • Scales from above • Sight-reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One timpani, one mallet, and one snare piece that best demonstrates playing ability. • Scales from above • Sight-reading

In preparing your audition, please choose solo repertoire which BEST represents your playing ability. Please consult your private teacher for guidance and help in preparation for your audition. Solos do not require accompaniment and do not need to be memorized. Dress professionally for your audition and be prompt for your audition time. Percussion instruments will be provided, but please bring your own mallets and sticks.