

# Additional Music Opportunities

## SYRACUSE SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

### Syracuse Symphony Youth Orchestra

Kenneth Andrews, Conductor

Members of the SSYO are selected through an annual audition process (there is an audition fee). The orchestra performs an exciting array of great works from the orchestral repertoire. In addition to presenting three concerts per season, the orchestra performs in the Side-by-Side Concert with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra. Members of the SSYO participate in sectional coaching sessions with SSO musicians and have an opportunity to work with guest conductors. Rehearsals are held on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 until 4:30 PM during the school year. Minimum requirements: Grade 9, NYSSMA Level 5. There is an annual membership fee.

### Syracuse Symphony Youth String Orchestra

Muriel Bodley, Conductor

Members of the SSYSO are selected through an annual audition process (there is an audition fee). The SSYSO performs a variety of works written specifically for String Orchestra. In addition, the orchestra performs one full orchestral work with members of the SSYO wind, brass, and percussion sections on each concert. In addition to performing two concerts per season, the SSYSO plays at the Side-by-Side concert. The orchestra rehearses on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 until 4:30 PM during the Fall, Side-by-Side, and Spring Concert Cycles. Minimum requirements: Grade 6, NYSSMA Level 3. There is an annual membership fee.

### Syracuse Symphony Youth String Chamber Orchestra

Muriel Bodley, Conductor

Members of the Chamber Orchestra are selected through the annual audition process (there is an audition fee). This group offers the more experienced members of the String Orchestra an opportunity to explore some of the more challenging string literature. In addition to performing as members of the String Orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra rehearses during the Winter Cycle and performs at the Winter Concert. Minimum requirements: Grade 6, NYSSMA Level 4. There is an annual membership fee.

**\*\*\*Auditions occur in the spring of the previous school year. For further information, contact your music teacher, call the SSO office at 424-8222, or go to [www.syracusesymphony.org](http://www.syracusesymphony.org).**

## ALLEGRO YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE

Dr. John C. Coggiola and Mr. Terrance E. Caviness, Jr., Conductors

The Allegro Youth Wind Ensemble is a select group of middle and high school students from the Central New York area interested in performing wind literature at the highest possible level. Membership in Allegro is by audition only, which usually occurs in early December (there is an audition fee). Allegro rehearses at Syracuse University in Crouse College's historic Setnor Auditorium. Most rehearsals are on Monday nights from 7:30 until 9:30 PM. Concerts are held in the Setnor Auditorium. Minimum requirements: Grade 7, NYSSMA Level 5. There is an annual membership fee. For more information you may contact Dr. Coggiola at [jcoaggio@syr.edu](mailto:jcoaggio@syr.edu) or Mr. Caviness at [terrycaviness@hotmail.com](mailto:terrycaviness@hotmail.com).

## **SYRACUSE CHILDREN'S CHORUS**

Barbara M. Tagg, Ed.D, Artistic Director and Founder  
Cheryl Abrams, Executive Director

Since 1981, the Syracuse Children's Chorus has provided outstanding choral music education for the children of central New York. All of the choristers perform in at least three major concerts each year. As the children progress through the four choirs, they may participate in additional special performances, such as singing with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra and at special community events. The most advanced choir also occasionally tours, and has performed from China to Carnegie Hall. Singing in the Syracuse Children's Chorus is an honor for the individual children and their schools.

The Chorus is open to children ages 8 to 16 who love to sing. Students currently in grades 2 through grade 9 are eligible to audition in the spring for the following year's choirs. A written recommendation from the school music teacher is required, and acceptance is based on enthusiasm and commitment, as well as musical ability and skill. There is an annual membership fee.

For more information, contact your school music teacher or visit the website at [www.syracusechildrenschorus.org](http://www.syracusechildrenschorus.org).

***\*\*\*Please note that all of these groups require your child's participation in the school music organization, and that membership in any of these groups is not to be considered as an alternative to participation in a school music organization. CMBA scholarships are available for these additional music opportunities, though completion of the program is required. Scholarship applications are available at any Chittenango school concert or on the school website at [www.chittenangoschools.org](http://www.chittenangoschools.org).***