

# Pensacola Symphony Orchestra

## Youth Orchestra

2025-2026

Our vision is to inspire, uplift, and enrich the lives of young musicians through exceptional and transformative music education and performance experiences.

### **Youth Orchestra Description**

Under the direction of an experienced and inspiring youth orchestra conductor, the Pensacola Symphony Youth Orchestra will launch in 2025 in concert with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary season of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra. The PSYO will perform symphonic music from the classical repertoire.

The youth orchestra will be made available to student musicians in grades 7-12 by audition. The symphonic instruments will include violin, viola, cello, bass, flute (piccolo), oboe (English horn), clarinet (bass clarinet), bassoon (contra bassoon), trumpet, horn, trombone (bass trombone), tuba, percussion, timpani, harp, and piano/keyboard. The number of participants will be based on auditions and instrumentation available. Students, other than those playing percussion, will provide their own instruments.

### **School Music Program Participation**

Members of the Pensacola Symphony Youth Orchestra are required to be enrolled in a school or homeschool string or band program. Exceptions may be granted upon written request from the student's parent or guardian.

### **Membership Process**

The PSYO will hold open auditions in the Summer of 2025. Information regarding audition and tuition fees as well as financial aid will be made available on the PSO Education and Youth Orchestra webpage on June 1, 2025.

Students will be selected for the PSYO based on their auditions and instrumentation needs. Those who are not selected for the PSYO may be offered the opportunity to join small ensemble/coaching groups.

Students with limited financial means will be provided with information on a sliding tuition fee scale.

## **Rehearsals and Performances**

The ensemble will rehearse weekly on Sunday from September to December (Semester 1) and again from January to May (Semester 2) at the Dr. Grier Williams School of Music at the University of West Florida. Professional members of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra will serve as sectional coaches. The ensemble will perform at least once per semester. Members of the ensemble may also be selected for side-by-side performances or other opportunities to perform with the PSO.

## **Staying Informed**

Consider joining our Education and Youth Orchestra email list to receive updates on the Pensacola Symphony Youth Orchestra and ensembles. Send an email with subject "Youth Orchestra List" to Julie Martin Green at [jmartingreen@pensacolasymphony.com](mailto:jmartingreen@pensacolasymphony.com).

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