



## INFORMATION ABOUT AUDITIONS 2023-2024

1. Admission to the orchestra is by in-person audition. All players, both new and returning, must audition annually. **Audition materials are available to download** from the Auditions page at [www.gvyo.org](http://www.gvyo.org).
2. Apply to audition by completing a [GVYO membership form](#) at your earliest opportunity. The **Application submission deadline** is shown on the Auditions page at [www.gvyo.org](http://www.gvyo.org).
3. All qualified candidates are eligible to audition for GVYO. "Qualified" means:
  - you are currently having private lessons on your instrument, and your teacher approves of your intention to audition.
  - you are playing at a suggested minimum standard of proficiency (RCM Grade 8 or equivalent).
4. You are requested to apply for an audition only with the intention of accepting membership in the orchestra, if it is offered.
5. The audition will consist of:
  - a specified set of excerpts from the orchestral repertoire for your instrument.
  - a solo piece of your choice, for example: a standard concerto or similar work for your instrument. An accompanist is not required.
  - for string players: a specified scale is included in the excerpts, to be played as written.
6. The auditioning committee will be listening for:
  - accurate pitches, rhythm and tempo
  - secure intonation
  - an appropriate style of performance for the music being played
  - good tone quality
  - a wide range of dynamics
  - clear, understandable phrasing
7. The orchestra will notify you about the date, place and time of your audition. If you are unable to attend your audition you must promptly notify the GVYO manager at [gvyorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:gvyorchestra@gmail.com).
8. You will be notified by email about the auditioning committee's decision.
9. On all questions regarding a student's application and audition, the GVYO follows the policy of the National Youth Orchestra of Canada Association in dealing directly with the student. Unless unusual circumstances exist, enquiries by parents, guardians or teachers are not encouraged if the student is able to act on their own behalf. All enquiries made directly by the students will be dealt with openly and in a straight-forward manner.
10. Audition Fees for First-time Applicants: \$20.00  
Payment accepted by e-transfer prior to your audition, or by cash or cheque in-person at your audition.