



The MYSO Messenger

Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra
September 2025

WELCOME

To all new & returning MYSO Musicians
for the 2025-2026 Season of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra

MYSO is still seeking additional clarinet, bassoon, and strings players.

If you have any friends that are interested, contact Mrs. Sybert.

Our First Rehearsal is **Wednesday, September 3, 2025 from 6:15-8:45 pm**

-- Rehearsals will be held at the **St. Charles Borromeo Convocation Hall (101 Airport Rd, Romeoville)** on the **campus of Lewis University**, which is #1 on the map link. To get to this building, please do not use the main entrance of Lewis. Instead, go one stoplight further north on Route 53 to Airport Road. Turn west onto Airport Road. You will see the parking lot and main entrance on your left (south side of the road).

<https://lewisu.edu/campuses/romeoville/maincampusmap.htm>

-- Rehearsal times are 6:15-8:45pm on Wednesdays.

--Seating placement will be posted at the door when you arrive.

-- Please bring your own water with you. Some snacks will be available during break for a pay-what-you-wish cash donation, with proceeds going towards the end-of-year pizza party.

-- And of course, don't forget your instrument!

FEES

The \$375.00 membership fee is due on or before the third rehearsal which this year is September 17. There is a late fee of \$25.00 if payment is not made at this time.

Fees can be paid via check or cash to Mrs. Sybert at the beginning of each rehearsal, or mailed to her at 655 Wooley Rd, Oswego, IL 60543. If you would like to pay via Paypal, please email Mrs. Sybert.

If the fees present a problem for your family at this time, please speak to Mrs. Sybert and arrangements can be made. Please do so before Sept. 17.

Checks can be made payable to MYSO.

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NEWSLETTERS

A newsletter will be emailed to the parent's and musician's email address at the beginning of each month. If your email changes, please notify Mrs. Sybert.

HANDBOOK

The MYSO handbook is available on our website. Please refer to it for any questions regarding the orchestra. New members should read it and print it out for reference.

Very Important – From Handbook

Attendance

- A. Attendance is mandatory for rehearsals, concerts, and sectionals. Rehearsals are held at the Borromeo Convocation Hall at Lewis University on Wednesday from 6:15 PM until 8:45 PM.
- B. **Three unexcused absences during a season can be reason for dismissal from the orchestra. (adopted by MYSO board 5-23-11)**
- C. Musicians are expected to be prompt. All members should allow enough time to warm-up, tune, and be ready to play at the scheduled rehearsal time. Bring all necessary equipment and accessories – pencil, mutes, reeds, and extra strings.
- D. All musicians are important to the orchestra. When a musician is accepted by audition into the orchestra s/he makes a commitment to attend all rehearsals and all performances. If a musician has a conflict with a performance s/he must notify the music director and the executive director before the first rehearsal of the concert cycle.

ABSENCES

All absences should be reported to Mrs. Sybert via **email by 4pm** on Wednesday. If you know you will be absent in the future due to a school conflict you may also notify Mrs. Sybert via email at anytime.

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SNACK SHOP

We have a snack shop that is stocked with donations from our MYSO families – soda (no diet), water, individually packaged snacks, and chocolate all keep our musicians happy during the break! Each item is available for a small donation and the profits from the snack shop go back to the musicians with a spring pizza party and a reception after the May concert. So, when you're out shopping pick up something to donate for our hungry musicians! Items can be dropped off before rehearsal in the last row of pews.



New: Purchase from MYSO's Snack Wish List on Walmart.com & have it delivered directly to us!

An easy way to support our Snack Shop: <https://www.walmart.com/registry/RR/d008439b-2806-4b65-8c6e-b76a78754754>

2025-2026 CONCERT DATES

Mark your calendars now for these important concert dates:

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | 7:30pm

St. Charles Borromeo Convocation Hall on the campus of Lewis University
101 Airport Rd, Romeoville, IL

Sunday, October 19, 2025 | 3:00pm

Fine Arts Auditorium on the campus of Joliet Junior College
1215 Houbolt Rd: Building K, Joliet, IL

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 | 7:30pm

St. Charles Borromeo Convocation Hall on the campus of Lewis University
101 Airport Rd, Romeoville, IL

Saturday, March 21, 2026 | Time TBD

Fine Arts Auditorium on the campus of Joliet Junior College
1215 Houbolt Rd: Building K, Joliet, IL

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 | 7:30pm

St. Charles Borromeo Convocation Hall on the campus of Lewis University
101 Airport Rd, Romeoville, IL

Thursday, June 4, 2026 | 6:30pm

Bicentennial Park, Joliet
201 W. Jefferson St, Joliet, IL
Free Admission, Outdoors

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2026 STUDENT COMPOSITION CONTEST

The Student Composition Competition is being held for the 2025-2026 season and will be held every other year. Student composers enrolled in high school, an undergraduate degree program, or a graduate degree program are eligible. Deadline is November 15, 2025.

Submission Guidelines and Information:

- Composers must be enrolled in high school, an undergraduate degree program, or graduate degree program during the 2025-26 academic year.
- Composers may submit one work only
- Works that have been previously performed are eligible
- Only works written after 2018 are eligible
- Work may not exceed 15 minutes
- Composition should be scored for a youth orchestra (3-3-3-2, 4-3-2-1, piano, strings)
- Works that use electronics will also be considered
- Concertos or works with extended solos are not eligible.
- The difficulty level should not exceed that of Beethoven's Symphony #1 or Sibelius' *Finlandia*.

For more information, visit <https://www.newmusicengine.org/categories/2025-Metropolitan-Youth-Symphony-Orchestra-Student-Composition-Competition>

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