

Youth String Orchestra Thursday 7:00 -8:30 p.m.

Ages: 8 and older

Please call to set up an audition day and time for the week of August 15- 19.

This course is designed to offer a study into both classical, patriot and popular music, bringing together all the different parts of an orchestra to perform various styles of music. We will learn about the composers who wrote our performance pieces. There will be three concerts for the year, the concerts will consist of musical selections from Musicals, classical music and holiday performances. Students will learn proper performance technique, increase their sight reading skills, how and what to listen for when playing with a group and perfecting rhythm skills. Students must have at least three years experience playing their instrument and will have to perform an audition to determine level of proficiency. All students will have the opportunity to perform with the group.

Rehearsals will be held at The Music Academies 25 North 4th Street Niles, Michigan with the exception of the dress rehearsal which will be held at the concert location, Niles District Library. Players attend weekly rehearsals, and practice their parts individually.

Teacher and Director: Valerie Rumpf, MM

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Teacher Bio: Valerie Rumpf, MM- (piano, violin, viola, cello, acoustic guitar, voice)- Valerie Rumpf earned her Bachelors (with high honors) and Masters degrees in Music and Composition from Indiana University (SB), having studied under the Toradze Studio instructors in piano, Eric Kus, David Machavariani, and Earle Perez on cello, and Delores Wilson on violin and viola. She is also an accomplished composer and member of ASCAP, ASTA, and MTNA, having had works performed in the US and in Europe. She was also recently awarded the Outstanding Music Teacher Award for 2021 by Steinway & Sons Piano. Valerie is also an enthusiastic orchestra conductor, having studied conducting under Dr. Michael Esselstrom and Dr. Robert Colt at Indiana University, and Bruce Uchimura at Western Michigan University. She currently conducts the New Apostolic Church Orchestra - South Bend District, and the Niles Area Community Orchestra in Niles, MI. Valerie also continues to compose and arrange music for the various groups she works with, is primary organist/pianist and choir leader at the New Apostolic Church of Michiana, and plays cello in the Rumpf Village String Quartet. She also performs privately as pianist in Style, a local professional piano/violin duet.

August 28	Hand out new music
September 4, 11, 18, 25	review pieces that were handed, discuss trouble spots and begin playing pieces
October 2, 9, 16, 23	review pieces, begin to prepare for Concert on October 30,2021
October 30	Concert day! Time and location to be determined
November 6, 13, 20	Discuss concert Hand out new music
December 14, 11, 18,	Go over new music work on problem spots discuss the theme of each piece
NO CLASS DECEMBER 25 or January 1	
January 8, 15, 22	Review music prepare for concert
January 29	Concert Day! Time and location to be determined
February 5	review concert and hand out new music
February: 12, 19, 26	review pieces work on trouble spots rehearse first piece
March: 5, 12, 19, 26	review new pieces begin preparing for concert
April: 6-10	Spring Break no rehearsal
April 16, 23	review all pieces we have learned prepare for concert
April 30	Concert Day! Time and location to be determined
May 7, 14, 21, 28	Discuss concert and hand out new music

Pre/Post Evaluation details: At the beginning of the semester each student will be given a short song to sight read with a grade between 1 and 10, with 1 the least proficient and 10 the highest score. At the end of the semester they will replay the same piece to show advancement in their abilities and playing skills. This will not be the final grade.

Grading scale will consist of the following 1-4 scale.

4- above target/expectations

3- on target/expectations

2-below target/expectations

1-off target/expectations

Grades are determined in the following way:

Instructor Input: Teacher will assign a recommended grade based on the scale above. This accounts for 90% of the overall grade.

Attendance: Students are required to attend at least 80% of their scheduled times. This accounts for 10% of their overall grade.

Final project: performance in concerts