



**HARRISBURG SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA**  
Audition Requirements 2023-24 Season  
Grades 9 – 12

All instrumentalists will be asked to perform the following:

**Scales:** Please perform the A major, E-flat major, and chromatic scales in the number of octaves required for PMEA District 7 Auditions (see this page for reference <https://www.pmeadistrict7.org/district-band--orchestra-auditions.html> ). Click on the link for your instrument and perform your scales as they've been written out. Winds/brass must do one scale tongued, and the other slurred (your choice) and the chromatic should be slurred.

**Solo:** Prepare an excerpt of a solo of your choice that BEST demonstrates your ability. We do not suggest you play a work in progress. Play something that shows you at your BEST, even if it means performing something a little easier than you are currently playing. You will not need more than 2 minutes of music for this, and you do not need to begin at the beginning of the piece if a section from the middle or end is more appropriate.

**Excerpt:** The orchestral excerpt music for your instrument will be shared upon acceptance for the 2023-2024 season.

**Percussionists:** Please see the Percussion Audition Guidelines below, as they are slightly different than the above requirements.

## **Percussion Audition Guidelines:**

**STUDENTS WHO RELY ON SCHOOLS OR PRIVATE TEACHERS IN ORDER TO PRACTICE AND/OR RECORD THEIR AUDITION WILL BE ALLOWED AN EXTENSION OF UP TO TWO WEEKS AFTER THE START OF THE SEASON ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2023.**

Students auditioning on percussion must choose at least ONE of the following instrument groups for consideration OR may choose to audition on all 3.

### **I. Auxiliary Percussion**

1. Snare: Etude or solo of your choice (1.5 minutes)
2. Cymbals: Orchestra excerpt on Audition Page

### **II. Timpani (live audition only)**

From a given pitch, tune timpani to specific pitches and perform the listed excerpt.

### **III. Keyboard—no audition necessary/ chosen from the section after the orchestra is formed.**