



Youth Symphony & Youth Wind Ensemble Auditions

Dates: May 26 & 27, 2026

Location: The Temple for Performing Arts, 1011 Locust St Des Moines, IA 50309-2811

All auditions are performed without accompaniment.

WINDS & BRASS:

1. **Two Scales:** play 1 major scale or 1 minor scale (melodic or harmonic) with a minimum of 3 sharps or flats and a chromatic scale.
 - Students may choose to play 1-octave, 2-octave, or 3-octave scales depending on their skill level. Tempo is up to the student.
 - **The chromatic scale** should display your current range.
2. **Solo repertoire:** choose two contrasting pieces or contrasting selections from the same work.
 - The pieces should show your highest level of achievement.
 - Total approximate duration of rep: 2-3 minutes.

PERCUSSION:

A snare drum and xylophone will be provided at the live audition.

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 - b. The chromatic scale is to be performed for a minimum of two octaves.
2. **Solo repertoire:** choose a piece for mallet *or* snare drum. This can be an etude, solo piece, or a selection from the music you play in your school's ensemble. The piece should show your highest level of achievement.
3. **Snare drum:** Perform a concert style roll from piano to fortissimo and back to piano.