



AT A GLANCE

WHO?

Since 1976, Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra comprises

- *Primo: Entry level string orchestra for students in grades 4 through 8.*
- *Primo Intermezzo: A group of more advanced Primo members who participate in this small ensemble by invitation.*
- *Prelude: Early-intermediate string orchestra for in grades 5 through 9.*
- *Sinfonia: Intermediate full symphony orchestra for middle and high school-age players.*
- *Philharmonia: Advanced level orchestra for middle and high school players.*
- *Youth Symphony: Very advanced level orchestra for High School and college-age students.*
- *Brass Choir: All Youth Symphony and Philharmonia brass players perform in the Brass Choir, with select Sinfonia members by invitation.*
- *Percussion Ensemble: Each orchestra's percussionists participate in this ensemble.*
- *Chamber Music Institute (CMI): Small group learning where students are both a soloist and a team member at the same time.*

WHAT?

Students meet regularly within their ensembles and perform several times throughout the year. Performances are always open to the public! Rehearsals focus not only on growing as players and collaborators, but also as thoughtful communicators and leaders in their sections, schools, and communities.

WHERE?

EYSO is an In-Residence Ensemble with Elgin Community College. Ensembles perform in the campus' Arts Center Building in the Blizzard Theater. The administration office has recently moved to Downtown Elgin, right in the heart of the Arts District. *EYSO serves students from 70 different communities!*

WHEN?

Each EYSO season generally corresponds with the school year. Practices and ensemble performances are on Sundays. Auditions occur at the end of the school year; Fall Camp kicks off the new season in August.

WHY?

EYSO attracts a national reputation for providing not only an engaging musical experience for its students, but also a comprehensive learning environment which promotes curiosity, imagination, critical thinking, and collaboration. The curriculum each season is aimed at artistic and technical development. EYSO students discuss complex ideas, explore creative risk-taking, and learn about leadership in every area of life.

EYSO EDUCATES THE WHOLE MUSICIAN

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