



ELGIN YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CHAMBER MUSIC INSTITUTE (CMI) 2019-20

In addition to playing in orchestra, each EYSO member (Prelude level and up) has the opportunity to participate in a chamber music group--a trio, quartet, or quintet. This essential part of a young musician's development improves both solo and ensemble playing. Each player enjoys the spotlight as a soloist, but in the supportive environment of a small, collaborative team. The friendships forged in a chamber group are often life-long, and in a large organization like EYSO, they can help students to feel more connected.

Playing chamber music sharpens vital listening skills and provides invaluable musicianship training. In fact, students who play in chamber ensembles typically improve faster than those who don't. There is a wealth of significant chamber music repertoire and joining the CMI is a great way to begin learning it.

EYSO's Chamber Music Institute is one of the largest programs of its kind, with a high percentage of EYSO members participating. Groups meet on Sundays before their orchestra rehearsal and have their own regular coach. Our CMI coaches are some of the most gifted educators and performers in the Chicago area and have a true passion for teaching.

Please note that while we always do our best to place each student who expresses interest in CMI participation, we may be limited by the number of students and the instruments they play. Group assignments are made by the CMI Director in September.

For questions about CMI, please contact Roslyn Green, CMI Director, at rgreen@eyso.org.

Each CMI semester consists of:

- 8 to 10 weeks of rehearsals which include 7 coachings with a regular coach. Rehearsals include discussions of listening, music history, theory, analysis and much more.
- A workshop with Artistic Director, Matthew Sheppard (in the spring).
- Dress rehearsal time in the performance space.
- An end of semester performance at ECC plus the opportunity for outside community performances. Every group will perform at least once per semester.

CMI 2019-20 tuition for EYSO members is \$260.00 per semester. Non-EYSO members must audition for placement (\$45 audition fee), and tuition is \$310.00 per semester. Tuition assistance is available to those who qualify.

2019-20 CMI CONCERTS
1st semester: November 10, 2019
2nd semester: April 19, 2020