EYSO Summer Chamber Music Camp: Creating Your Audition Video

We’re looking forward to hearing you play!

Your video will help us get to know you and your playing so that we can place you with other students at a similar age and ability. Knowing your strengths and areas for improvement will help us make your chamber music experience more enriching. Your video should represent your best playing, so we encourage you to work with your teacher to prepare and review the video before submitting it.

If you’re already signed up to audition at the end of May 2020, you don’t need to submit an audition video. If you’re a current EYSO student, meaning you played in an orchestra during the 2019-20 season, you should submit a video only if you are not planning to audition in May.

What to prepare

1. **Scales**: Select two scales that showcase your ability and that you can play well. These can be major or minor, and however many octaves you’re currently working on.
2. **Two contrasting solos**: prepare two contrasting selections totaling 2-3 minutes: one should be faster and more technical in nature to demonstrate your facility on the instrument, and the other should be slower and more lyrical to illustrate your musicality and expressivity. These can be solo repertoire, etudes, and/or orchestral excerpts.

Getting set up

This is our chance to meet you, so we want to see your face! As you set up your camera (smart phones, laptops, or other devices work fine), make sure that we can see your bow contacting the strings, both arms and hands, and your entire instrument. If you use a smart phone, please record in landscape mode. You’ll want to be recording in a quiet place so that we can focus on your music.

Before you begin playing, please introduce yourself by clearly saying your name and instrument. Before your two solo selections, please let us know the title and composer.

Submitting your video

First, submit your [online application](#) with your application fee. In the application, please indicate whether you will be submitting a video or not (depending on whether you are signed up to audition in May). Then, we’ll email you with instructions on how to return to the application and upload your video.

You may choose to upload a single video with all the requirements (scales and solos), or multiple separate videos. Please upload your video(s) no later than **Monday, June 8**, but sooner is better!

Questions?

Contact us at [office@eyso.org](mailto:office@eyso.org) or by phone at (847) 841-7700.