

YOUTH SYMPHONY OF THE SOUTHWEST AUDITION REQUEST FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Study \_\_\_\_\_  
Private Instructor \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Please send \$25 audition fee payable to:  
Youth Symphony of the Southwest, c/o Patricia Cosand, 117 E. Ellis, Tempe, AZ 85282  
[yssw.symphonyofthesouthwest.org](http://yssw.symphonyofthesouthwest.org)

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***For more information about YSSW and videos of previous performances  
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**AUDITIONS**  
for the  
**2023-2024 Concert Season**

Monday, April 24th, 6:00-9:30 pm  
Tuesday, April 25th, 6:00-9:30 pm

Tri-City Baptist Church  
2211 W. Germann  
Chandler, AZ 85286

*Auditions to fill open positions  
will be held the first week of August.*

## About Youth Symphony of the Southwest

The *Youth Symphony of the Southwest* was founded in 2006 for the express purpose of supporting and fostering the highest quality music education and to inspire and nurture the love of symphonic repertoire by offering hands-on experience to qualified young musicians from 15\* through age 20.

Under the direction of Cal Stewart Kellogg, Conductor of *Symphony of the Southwest* and West Valley Symphony, musicians are offered an opportunity to join their peers for a year of intensive practical orchestra training and music performances.

YSSW performs works from the standard orchestra repertoire. During our 2022-2023 season, works performed included *Night on Bald Mountain* by Mussorgsky, the *Funeral March of the Marionettes* by Gounod, *Symphony No. 34* by Mozart, *Fingal's Cave* by Mendelssohn, the *Ballet from Macbeth* by Verdi and *The Firebird* by Stravinsky.

\*Exceptions may be made

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### CAL STEWART KELLOGG

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Maestro Kellogg has conducted Youth Symphony of the Southwest since it was founded in 2006. He earned a diploma in conducting from the Conservatorio di Musica S. Cecilia in Rome under the guidance of the legendary Franco Ferrara, and also earned diplomas in composition and bassoon.

He made his operatic debut with the Rome Opera leading a production of Nino Rota's *Aladino e la Lampada Magica* and New York City Opera debut conducting Menotti's *The Saint of Bleeker Street*, both at the request of the composers.

Maestro Kellogg has extensive world-wide conducting experience in both symphonic music and opera.

## AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

### STRINGS

All major and melodic minor scales and arpeggios in 3 octaves. Two scales will be chosen for the audition.

A one and one-half to two minute solo of their choice.

Repertoire excerpts-available for download at: [yssw.symphonyofthesouthwest.org/audition-requirements](http://yssw.symphonyofthesouthwest.org/audition-requirements)

### WOODWINDS & BRASS

All major and melodic minor scales in 2 octaves, if possible, and a chromatic scale covering the entire range of the instrument.

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### PERCUSSION

Demonstrate competency on snare drum, timpani and xylophone.

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### HARP

A one and one-half to two minute solo of their choice.

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**ALL STUDENTS WILL BE  
ASKED TO SIGHTREAD**

## AUDITION REGISTRATION

To secure an audition time, please send application form and a \$25 non-refundable check or money order (made payable to Youth Symphony of the Southwest) to:

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Audition registration and payment may be completed online at [yssw.symphonyofthesouthwest.org](http://yssw.symphonyofthesouthwest.org)

**2023-2024 Annual Tuition is \$400**

## REHEARSALS

Monday afternoons from 4:45-7:00

Location: Dobson High School

**First Rehearsal: August 7, 2023**

## CONCERTS

Monday, September 18, 2023

Mesa Arts Center - 7:00 PM

Monday, October 30, 2023

Mesa Arts Center - 7:00 PM

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mesa Arts Center - 7:00 PM

Monday, February 12, 2024

Mesa Arts Center - 7:00 PM

**All Youth Symphony of the Southwest  
concerts are FREE to the public!**

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

**Symphony of the Southwest**

**Youth Symphony of the Southwest**

**Side-by-Side Concert**

**Mesa Arts Center at 7:00 PM**

*Concert dates are subject to change. A complete schedule of concert dates and times will be available at the first rehearsal.*