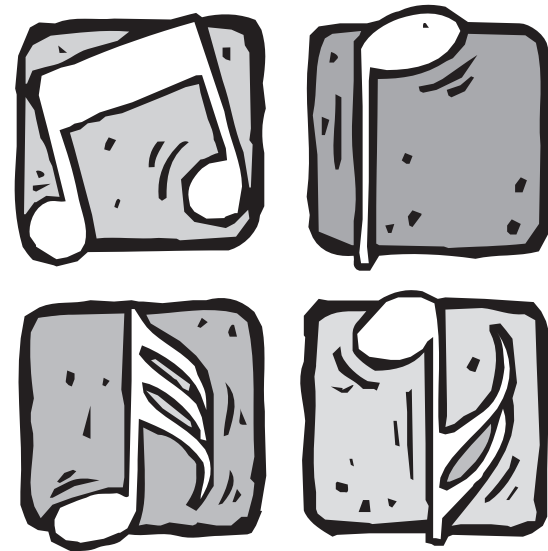


Youth ★ ★ ★
SYMPHONY *of the*
SOUTHWEST

⇒ MEMBER HANDBOOK ⇐



**LUCKY THIRTEENTH
SEASON**

2018-2019

⇒ ATTENDANCE POLICY ⇐

All members are expected to attend every rehearsal and to be seated by 4:40pm for rehearsal and 6:50pm for concerts. Report absence prior to rehearsal to Patricia Cosand, 480 688-7499 or ysswmail@gmail.com. Excused absences include school concerts, illness and family emergencies.

⇒ MEMBER COMMITMENT ⇐

Each member is expected to prepare his/her part diligently prior to each rehearsal. Students are expected to be members in good standing of their high school orchestra or band where applicable.

⇒ CONCERT ATTIRE ⇐

Ladies: long sleeve black blouse, long black skirt (this must be to the ankle) or black dress slacks and shoes with black hosiery

Gentlemen: black tuxedo with white dress shirt, black shoes and black socks

⇒ STRING SEATING POLICY ⇐

There will be a chair placement audition during a rehearsal prior to each concert. Students must be in attendance at the rehearsal or be moved to the end of their section.

⇒ WIND SEATING POLICY ⇐

Wind reseating will be scheduled upon request, at the discretion of the music director.

⇒ SNACK POLICY ⇐

YSSW students are given a break mid-rehearsal for a snack and rest. Parents are expected to take turns providing either a drink for the entire group, OR a snack for the entire group. A snack schedule will be provided and an email reminder will be sent prior to the date that you must provide snacks.

⇒ WEBSITE ⇐

The website yssw.symphonyofthesouthwest.org will be updated frequently to include rehearsal and performance dates and repertoire. A student photo slideshow will be included (photos only no names). Any parents who do not want their students' photos seen online, must make a request to the administrator, Patricia Cosand. Otherwise, photos will be used at the discretion of the web team.

Youth SYMPHONY of the SOUTHWEST

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Website: yssw.symphonyofthesouthwest.org

Rehearsal Location: Dobson High School
Orchestra Room
1501 W. Guadalupe Rd.
Mesa, AZ 85202

Performance Location: Mesa Arts Center
Ikeda Theater

The Youth Symphony of the Southwest and its staff assume no responsibility for the safety of orchestra members or their instruments while at any Youth Symphony of the Southwest functions.

⇒ STATEMENT OF PURPOSE ⇐

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

⇒ MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS ⇐

Students in high school, through age 20 may audition for a seat in the orchestra. All instrumentalists must demonstrate proficiency in:

Strings: All major and melodic minor scales and arpeggios in all keys, a movement from a standard solo, and sight reading.

Woodwinds and Brass: Major and melodic minor scales (in 2 octaves if possible) through 4 sharps and flats, a chromatic scale covering the entire range of the instrument, a movement from a standard solo, and sight reading.

⇒ TUITION ⇐

\$350.00/year Payable to: Youth Symphony of the Southwest

Tuition must be paid in one of the following ways:

1. August 20 in full \$350
2. August 20, \$179, and January 7, \$179
3. August 20, \$120, November 12, \$120, February 4, \$120

Checks, cash and PayPal accepted, access PayPal through the website.

⇒ MUSIC POLICY ⇐

At first rehearsal, music will be distributed. At the end of each concert music must be returned in good condition. Any damaged or lost music will be replaced at the musician's expense.

⇒ REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE ⇐

- All electronic devices must be turned off during rehearsal. This includes text messaging.
- Water only in the rehearsal room.
- No food or gum in the rehearsal room.

⇒ REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE ⇐

Date	Event	Location
August 13	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
August 20	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
August 27	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00, Chair Test	Dobson HS
September 3	Labor Day, NO REHEARSAL	
September 10	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
September 17	Dress Rehearsal 4:45 Performance 7:00	Ikeda Theater
September 24	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
October 1	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
October 8	Fall Break NO REHEARSAL	
October 15	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00, Chair Test	Dobson HS
October 22	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
October 29	Dress Rehearsal 4:45 Performance 7:00	Ikeda Theater
November 5	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
November 12	NO REHEARSAL	Dobson HS
November 19	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
November 26	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00, Chair Test	Dobson HS
December 3	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
December 10	Dress Rehearsal 4:45 Performance 7:00	Ikeda Theater
January 7	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
January 14	MLK Holiday, NO REHEARSAL	
January 21	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
January 28	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00, Chair Test	Dobson HS
February 4	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
February 11	Dress Rehearsal 4:45 Performance 7:00	Ikeda Theater
February 18	President's Day, Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
February 25	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
March 4	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00, Chair Test	Dobson HS
March 11	Spring Break, NO REHEARSAL	
March 18	Rehearsal 4:45-7:00	Dobson HS
SIDE BY SIDE REHEARSALS:		
March 19	7:15-9:45	Location TBA
March 21	7:15-9:45	Location TBA
March 23	11:30am Dress Rehearsal Performance 7:30pm	Ikeda Theater