

GTCYS AT A GLANCE

GTCYS is committed to a top-quality experience for students of all ages and different playing levels, regardless of economic background. Program highlights include:

- 7 orchestras ranging from beginning to advanced allow for high placement rate
- High quality experience at every orchestra level
- Weekly rehearsals on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday nights - most weekends are free!
- Two festival concerts featuring all orchestras
- Two to three community concerts per orchestra
- Fall and winter day retreats
- Sectionals with professional musicians from the Minnesota Orchestra, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and area colleges, schools and private studios
- Chamber music program in collaboration with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra
- Masterclasses with world-class musicians
- Concerto competition open to all GTCYS students
- Side-by-side rehearsals within GTCYS
- Leadership opportunities for students
- Fun social activities
- Carpool lists provided!
- Sibling discounts are \$65 per additional child
- Tuition for students joining in January is 60% of the listed amount
- **Scholarships available**

FREE MASTERCLASS

Receive Audition Tips from the Pros!

Sunday, April 22, 2012, 2:00 - 3:30pm
Mayflower Church

106 East Diamond Lake Road, Minneapolis

Take the fear out of auditioning! Join **Mark Bjork (violin)** and **Wendy Williams (flute)** as they share their tips about audition preparation. Students, parents, and teachers are encouraged to attend this free session! No registration necessary.

2012 - 13 CONCERT SCHEDULE

Festival Concerts*

All ensembles

Sunday, November 18 at 2pm
Convention Center, Minneapolis

Sunday, May 12 at 2pm
St. Andrew's Church, Mahtomedi

Community Concerts

All ensembles

December at various venues
March at various venues

Symphony Concerts

Sunday, December 2 at 2pm
Neighborhood House, St. Paul

Sunday, March 3 at 2pm
Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis

Sunday, April 28 at 2pm
Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis

Concerto Competition

Open to all GTCYS members

Prelims: October 13

Finals: October 28

SPCO Center, St. Paul

*GTCYS looks forward to returning to Orchestra Hall when it reopens in 2013-14 after its renovation.

Did you know? GTCYS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Because tuition only covers 50% of the actual cost to participate, GTCYS relies on charitable contributions to help keep tuition affordable, provide scholarships, and better serve the community.

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Dedicated to the growth of young musicians of all ages and abilities, GTCYS offers one of the most comprehensive youth symphony programs in the nation. Over five hundred elementary through high school students play in seven school-year and three summer orchestras. Beginning to advanced players move forward musically and personally in an engaging, supportive and challenging environment. Read on to learn more about the program and how to **play your part** in GTCYS!



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Who may audition?

- Any student from elementary to highly advanced ability, 2nd through 12th grade.
- Any orchestral instrument.
- Everyone auditions each season regardless of previous GTCYS participation.

Registration Process

- **Register online at gtcys.org** (\$35 audition fee is non-refundable and not applicable to tuition). Audition slots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
- You will receive a confirmed audition time via e-mail within one week.

About the Audition

- Auditions are approximately ten minutes in length (fifteen for percussion).
- They are heard by professional musicians including GTCYS' conducting staff.

What to Prepare

- **NEW! Check gtcys.org for specific details and scale requirements for each instrument and orchestra level**, and for audition tips.
- Students need to prepare three items: a short **solo**, specific **scales** and **sight-reading**.

Placement

- The primary criterion for placement is the student's playing; other factors such as instrumentation needs or age may be considered as well.
- All qualified students are offered placement in the appropriate GTCYS orchestra, space permitting.
- All placements are final and previous participation does not guarantee placement.
- Placement results for the Spring and Winter Auditions will be emailed the weeks of June 18, 2012 and December 3, 2012 respectively. Please do not inquire for results.

Participation

- Review "The Orchestras" section for information about rehearsals, retreats, and cost.
- Participation in GTCYS means an unforgettable experience of musical and personal growth in exciting rehearsals and sparkling concerts, with friends old and new!
- **Scholarships are available.** GTCYS is committed to serving talented, dedicated students, regardless of financial constraints. Applications available online.

AUDITION DATES

Spring Auditions: June 1 - 3 & 8 - 9, 2012

Violin	
Friday, June 1 & 8	3:00 - 8:00pm
Saturday, June 2 & 9	9:00am - 8:30pm
Sunday, June 3	1:00 - 8:00pm

Viola	
Saturday, June 9	9:00am - 4:00pm

Cello	
Saturday, June 2	9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday, June 9	9:00am - 3:00pm

Bass	
Sunday, June 3	1:00 - 4:00pm

Flute	
Saturday, June 2	9:00am - 6:00pm

Oboe	
Saturday, June 2	1:00 - 4:00pm

Clarinet	
Saturday, June 2	9:00am - 3:00pm

Bassoon	
Sunday, June 3	1:00 - 3:00pm

French Horns	
Sunday, June 3	1:00 - 5:00pm

Trumpets	
Saturday, June 9	1:00 - 5:00pm

Trombone/Tuba	
Saturday, June 9	9:00 - 11:00am

Percussion	
Friday, June 8	3:00 - 6:30pm

Harp	
Call GTCYS for details	

Winter Auditions: December 1, 2012

- Second semester auditions are for any student not already enrolled in GTCYS in fall 2012
- GTCYS will audition only the instruments for which there are openings

Audition Location

Mayflower Church
106 East Diamond Lake Road, Minneapolis
Centrally located at the intersection of 35W and Diamond Lake Road in Minneapolis

THE ORCHESTRAS



Philharmonia East & West

Mary Sorlie, conductor

GTCYS' entry-level, strings-only orchestra with two locations from which to choose

- **Typical grades:** 4 - 8
- **West Rehearsals:** Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00pm at Good Samaritan Church, Edina
- **East Rehearsals:** Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm at Maplewood Community Center
- **Fall Retreat:** Saturday, September 15, 2012, Shoreview Community Center
- **Winter Retreat:** Saturday, January 12, 2013, Hopkins High School
- **Tuition:** \$580 plus \$100 retreat fee
- Visit gtcys.org for specific requirements



Sinfonia

Amanda Kremer, conductor

GTCYS' first full orchestra (strings, winds, brass and percussion)

- **Typical grades:** 5 - 9
- **Rehearsals:** Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30pm, Wooddale Church, Edina
- **Fall Retreat:** Saturday, September 29, 2012, Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI
- **Winter Retreat:** Saturday, January 12, 2013, Hopkins High School
- **Tuition:** \$600 plus \$100 retreat fee
- Visit gtcys.org for specific requirements

Rehearsals begin September 10, 11 and 13, 2012. Locations subject to change.



Concertino

Barbara Flooding, conductor

Students develop their technical and ensemble skills through a variety of repertoire

- **Typical grades:** 6 - 11
- **Rehearsals:** Mondays, 7:00 - 8:45pm, Shir Tikvah Synagogue, Minneapolis
- **Fall Retreat:** Saturday, September 29, 2012, Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI
- **Winter Retreat:** Saturday, January 12, 2013, Hopkins High School
- **Tuition:** \$630 plus \$100 retreat fee
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Concert Orchestra

Gary Wolfman, conductor

Advanced repertoire includes original classical works

- **Typical grades:** 7 - 12
- **Rehearsals:** Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00pm, Mayflower Church, Minneapolis
- **Fall Retreat:** Saturday, September 22, 2012, Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI
- **Winter Retreat:** Saturday, January 12, 2013, Hopkins High School
- **Tuition:** \$630 plus \$100 retreat fee
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Philharmonic

Dr. Jeffrey Stirling, conductor

Music from the standard professional repertoire

- **Typical grades:** 9 - 12
- **Rehearsals:** Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:30pm, Shir Tikvah Synagogue, Minneapolis
- **Fall Retreat:** Saturday, September 22, 2012, Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI
- **Winter Retreat:** Saturday, January 12, 2013, Hopkins High School
- **Tuition:** \$660 plus \$100 retreat fee
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Symphony

Amir Kats, Artistic Director & conductor

GTCYS' premier orchestra performing major symphonic repertoire at professional-style concerts

- **Typical grades:** 11 - 12
- **Rehearsals:** Mondays, 7:00 - 9:30pm, Good Samaritan Church, Edina
- **Fall Retreat:** Sunday, September 23, 2012, Medina Ballroom, Medina
- **Winter Retreat:** Saturday, January 12, 2013, Hopkins High School
- **Tuition:** \$695 plus \$100 retreat fee
- Visit gtcys.org for specific requirements

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