

Worcester Youth Orchestras



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Parent & Member Handbook

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History

Founded in 1947, the Worcester Youth Orchestras (WYO) have maintained a presence in Central Massachusetts, offering musical training and orchestral experiences for aspiring young musicians. The orchestras' membership draws from over 32 communities in Massachusetts, as well as New Hampshire and Rhode Island. WYO is third oldest youth orchestra in the country and has a long history of masterful performances at Mechanics Hall, Tuckerman Hall, Alden Hall, Abbey Kelly Foster, The Hanover Theatre, Anna Maria College, Warner Theatre (Worcester Academy) and Holy Cross. They have appeared as guest performers at The Academy of Music in Northampton, Boston University's Tsai Center, Pickman Hall at Longy Conservatory, The Paramount Theatre in Boston and most recently at the newly built and magnificent Shalin Liu Concert Hall in Rockport. All of its students are actively involved in their school music programs, as well as all-state and regional district music festivals. Currently under the artistic direction of Jonathan Brennand, they have grown to four orchestras in the past three seasons.

Now in its 69th Season, WYO continues to maintain a strong presence in Central Massachusetts, enriching the lives of its students and the many communities that it serves.

We invite you to join us for one of our many concerts, or stop by our rehearsal to say hello.

About the Orchestras

WYO offers various programs with different orchestras for various stages of a student's development. The Worcester Youth Symphony Orchestra (WYSO) is for older and advanced musicians while the Worcester Youth Philharmonic (WYP) is an excellent way for younger and less experienced players to get hands on experience by playing in a larger full orchestra ensemble.

Members of the Worcester Youth Orchestra enjoy a variety of orchestral literature and the opportunity to perform in some of the finest concert halls in the state. They rehearse weekly at the newly built Auburn High School, a first class public school district with excellent facilities with easy access from I-90, I-290, Rt. 20 and Rt. 12.

Symphonic Division

Worcester Youth Symphony Orchestra (WYSO)

WYO's top orchestra is open to advanced students seeking challenging music and orchestral training. WYSO performs one to two "masterworks" a semester by major composers in addition to smaller works and collaborations with other ensembles. Open to advanced players, admission is through competitive audition with students being in 9th grade and above. Recent works performed are Haydn's *Symphony No. 99*, Mussorgsky's *The Great Gates of Kiev*, Bizet's *L'Arlesienne Suite*, Weber's *Oberon Overture* and Beethoven's *Fantasy for Piano, Chorus and Orchestra*. The average size is 50-60 students, depending on repertoire. WYSO string and winds/brass members also have the benefit of working with monthly coaches and mentors, learning further orchestral and string technique. In Spring 2015, WYSO toured and performed in the metro NYC area including Drew University and Carnegie Hall.

Worcester Youth Baroque Orchestra (WYBO)

A chamber orchestra that focuses on repertoire and performance practice from the Baroque Era. A highly competitive ensemble average size is 10-15 students. Enrollment is open to all string students and a few limited spots for wind players. The orchestra performs the masterworks by Handel, Vivaldi and Bach, as well as lesser known gems from the Baroque Era. The orchestra performs in small intimate venues with a limited but focused rehearsal period. In addition, students have the opportunity to play on baroque instruments. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings in the Fall & Spring.

Young Artists Prep Division

Worcester Youth Philharmonic (WYP)

A full orchestra (winds/brass/percussion/strings) is comprised of emerging young musicians seeking ensemble experience in a welcoming but hardworking atmosphere. Students learn to play with other instruments, follow a conductor and are introduced to the major composers and works. Rehearsals are sometimes divided into string sectionals and the full ensemble. Membership is open to 6th - 8th graders, with string members being accepted in 5th grade. Admission is through audition, average size is 30-40 players. WYP usually collaborates with WYSO on one piece per concert. Players are highly encouraged to join WYP and gain the necessary orchestral training before auditioning for WYSO.

String Orchestra (WY Strings)

Our string orchestra is an excellent way for younger string players to develop their ensemble technique as well as focus on their skills as emerging violinists, violists and cellists. Each week the orchestra focuses on scales, arpeggios and works on their own string repertoire. Most students are in 3rd to 5th grade. We highly encourage our younger string players to play in this group as it provides them with an excellent foundation in their instrumental development. The string orchestra usually performs 1-2 pieces with the Philharmonic in every concert.

Early Instrumental Program

WYO is proud offer the opportunity for exceptional young string and wind players to have the experience of playing in string and mixed instrument ensembles. String players are usually in 2nd or 3rd grade (younger players are sometimes accepted) and have been playing their instrument for a few months. Wind players in 5th grade that have been studying their instrument for over year and can demonstrate proficiency and meet the audition requirements may be accepted. If you have any questions, please send us an email!

Chamber Ensembles

Worcester Youth Clarinet Choir

The Worcester Youth Clarinet Choir is for talented young clarinetists interested in expanding their knowledge of the clarinet and its repertoire. The instrumentation will include Eb, Bb and Bass Clarinet Repertoire will consist of arrangements of popular classical music as well as music written for clarinet ensembles. In addition to working on clarinet choir repertoire, rehearsals will incorporate learning how to play with other clarinetists and improving listening skills and intonation. There will be a fall session and a spring session. Each will consist of 6-7 rehearsals followed by a concert. An audition is required for participation. Interested students should prepare 2 Major scales, 2 minor scales and play 2 contrasting pieces or movements.

Worcester Youth Flute Choir

The Worcester Youth Flute Choir is for talented young flutists interested in expanding their knowledge of the flute and its repertoire. The instrumentation will include C flutes, piccolo and an alto flute. Repertoire will consist of arrangements of popular classical music. In addition to working on flute choir repertoire, rehearsals will incorporate learning how to play with other flutists and improving listening skills and intonation. There will be a fall session and a spring session. Each will consist of 6 rehearsals followed by a concert. An audition is required for participation. Interested students should prepare 2 Major scales, 2 minor scales and play 2 contrasting pieces or movements.

Honors String Quartet

Launched in 2015, the **Honors Program** is WYO's most competitive and elite program for students wanting to take their music education to the highest level. It is a highly competitive chamber group that performs 2 concerts per season (1 each semester). There are openings for 2 violins, 1 viola and cello only. The quartet is coached by a professional musician over the course of 2 1/2 months in preparation for their recital. All students who are accepted into the **Honors Program** receive a full scholarship (\$550 value).

Honors Woodwind Quintet

Launched in 2015, the **Honors Program** is WYO's most competitive and elite program for students wanting to take their music education to the highest level. It is a highly competitive chamber group that performs 2 concerts per season (1 each semester). There are openings for 1 flute, 1 oboe, 1 clarinet, 1 bassoon and 1 horn. The quartet is coached by a professional musician over the course of 2 1/2 months in preparation for their recital. All students who are accepted into the **Honors Program** receive a full scholarship (\$550 value).

Application Process for Honors String Quartet or Woodwind Quintet

- Must be a member of WYSO and/or WYBO
- 2 Letters of Recommendation (Private music teacher and an academic teacher)
- Personal Statement of 500 words describing how music impacts the individual's life
- Solo excerpt that demonstrates player's top ability
- Open to students Grades 9 to 12

New Ensembles for the 2016-17 Season

Wind Ensemble

The Worcester Youth Wind Ensemble (WYWE) is a newly formed extension of the WYO organization. We are excited to provide instrumental students from Worcester County and beyond the opportunity to rehearse and perform standard and contemporary literature for winds and percussion. Through an audition process, the ensemble is open to students in grades 8-12. The mission is to bring the joy of performing music to the members of the ensemble and to the community. Programs will consist of a wide variety of compositions that will challenge the members, commemorate world and local events and help us celebrate life's journeys. WYWE students will occasionally work with section coaches and mentors to further develop their technique and understanding of the literature.

Jazz Program

Worcester Youth Jazz Ensemble "Big Band"

This ensemble will focus on traditional and current big band repertoire. The group members will be guided through a history of big band arranging and composition, and perform selections from key eras and writers. Focus will be placed on ensemble technique, blend, historical practice, interpretation, innovation, and thematic and stylistically appropriate improvisation.

Worcester Youth Jazz Combos

These small jazz combos will perform a wide range of repertoire. An understanding of the jazz tradition and the Great American Songbook will coincide with contemporary interpretation. The ensemble will focus on improvisation, group arranging, non-verbal cues, world music influences, and contextual improvisation.

Rehearsals and Emergency Situations

- All ensembles with rehearsals long rehearsals will have a short break for a snack and water. Students are not allowed to eat in the AHS auditorium, and should stay in the WYO area during that time. We ask that all students refrain from bringing snacks that include nuts as we have many allergies in the orchestras.
- In the case of inclement weather, a change of rehearsal venue, cancellation or other emergency parents will be contacted through email, a posting on the Facebook page and a posting on the WYO website.
- In the event of an emergency happening during rehearsal, WYO will work with our appointed AHS Site Administrator and go by the emergency procedures outlined by the Auburn Public School District. Please visit www.auburn.k12.ma.us/ for more details.

Attendance Policy

Why is Attendance & Commitment Important?

Our attendance policy is strict in order to guarantee a program of the highest quality, which is possible only if all members of the orchestra are fully committed. Commitment comes in many forms: practicing your part at home and/or with your teacher, being alert and engaged in rehearsal, and, above all, being present at all rehearsals, dress rehearsals and performances. Your commitment to attend is not just to WYO and your conductor, but most importantly, to your fellow players. An orchestra is a group effort; every member is important and contributes to the success of the ensemble.

Attendance is required at all regularly scheduled rehearsals, dress rehearsals, and performances. Students are expected to be ready at 2pm, tuned and ready to play. That means the student must arrive **at least 10 minutes prior to the rehearsal time**. Rehearsals, including dress rehearsals, start promptly at the appointed time.

Tardiness – Anyone arriving more than 10 minutes late to a rehearsal will be considered absent without prior approval from the General Manager (GM). If you anticipate being late ahead of time, please notify us in writing via the online “Absence Request Form”. If you are running late on the day of a rehearsal and/or concert, please make every effort to telephone us.

Extended Absences – Students that require extended absences must contact the Artistic Director and General Manager via email. WYO fully understands that family emergencies, illnesses and other unforeseen circumstances arise during the semester, and we want to ensure your child is well cared for. In this case, the student may be asked to take a semester off and take a “Leave of Absence” and return the following semester without penalty. Parents should contact the General Manager and Artistic Director as soon as possible regarding this matter, and it will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Illness on day of rehearsal – If your child is ill on the day of the rehearsal, please email WYO **and** call us 508-281-9976 to speak with the GM or AD. The first absence will be considered excused, all subsequent absences will be reviewed by the AD and handled on a case-by-case basis. Excessive same-day rehearsal absences may result in a hearing with the conductor to ensure the student knows their part, and/or may result in a probationary period.

Injury or Instrument Repairs – If you sustain a minor injury that prevents you from playing your instrument, or, if repairs are being done to your instrument, you are still required to attend rehearsals, sit in your section and follow along with your part and take notes.

Absence Policies

- There are **no unexcused** absences from rehearsal, dress rehearsal or concerts.
- Two excused absences are allowed **per** semester (Fall & Spring).
- Absences must be submitted **in writing at least two weeks prior to the date of the absence** via the online “Absence Request Form”.
- Students cannot miss **the last three rehearsals prior to the concert**, this does not include dress rehearsal. If the student misses one of these rehearsals, they will need to meet with the conductor to demonstrate knowledge/playing ability of their part. They may also be placed on probation for the following semester.
- Students must be present at the dress rehearsal in order to perform in the concert. Students who miss the dress rehearsal (except in the case of an emergency) will not be allowed to perform in the concert.
- After 3 absences (including the two previous excused), the student will need to demonstrate knowledge/playing ability of their part in a private hearing with the conductor.
- After 4 absences (including the two previous excused, and the 3rd unexcused), the student will not be allowed to perform in that semester’s concert. If you anticipate more than 4 absences in the semester, please contact the GM & AD to discuss the matter. WYO strives to be as accommodating as possible, but we need to be sure that students are adequately prepared for concerts as well as demonstrating dedication and commitment to their ensemble.

Approved Excused Absences:

- 1) MMEA/MICCA/All-State Music Festival Performances/Conferences or Auditions.
- 2) Elementary/Middle/High School Ensemble Concert Performance or Dress Rehearsals in which the student is performing.
- 3) Family Emergencies/Grievances.
- 4) Pro-longed illness.
- 5) Sports Game (Only approved if submitted at the beginning of the semester).
- 6) Religious Holidays & Observances (in general, WYO makes every attempt not to hold rehearsals and/or concerts close to these holidays such as Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, Christmas, Easter etc.).
- 7) SATs, ACT, SAT II Exams, College Interviews and Auditions, with prior notice at the beginning of the semester.

Other commitments, no matter how compelling, cannot be permitted. Please look at your upcoming year carefully; and plan your schedule in accordance with the WYO calendar.

Concert Non-Participation Fee

All students are required to perform in every concert. Students who do not perform in a concert may be asked to pay a non-participation fee, which covers the cost of hiring a professional to play their part and the associated insurance costs. This is a standard practice by many youth orchestras including, Boston Youth Orchestras and NEC Youth Orchestras. There will be a two-week grace period at the beginning of each semester (September/January). Students who do not notify us of a concert absence within this grace period may be asked to pay this fee of \$150.00 per concert missed.

Record Keeping

Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each rehearsal/performance by the GM. This will be entered into a log which will be viewed by the WYO conductors, Artistic Director, and WYO Board. All correspondence regarding attendance, including Absence Request Forms, will be kept in each student’s personnel file. Parents/Students should keep track of their own attendance and absences, but may request in writing to the GM and AD to see their child’s attendance record and correspondence.

Consequences

The consequences for members who do not adhere to the attendance policy include: not being allowed to participate in a concert, being re-seated for a concert, and/or being asked to withdraw from WYO. These decisions will be made by the Artistic Director in consultation with the ensemble Conductor and the WYO Board. WYO reserves the right to re-seat members who are absent for a concert, including those members whose absence is excused.

Re-Audition

Members who are asked to withdraw under this attendance policy may request to formally re-audition to rejoin the orchestra. Requests to re-audition must be made in writing and addressed to the Artistic Director. In addition to satisfactory musicianship, members who re-audition must demonstrate a commitment to full attendance at rehearsals and regularly scheduled concerts. Members who satisfactorily re-audition will not be required to pay additional membership dues for the season.

Other Grounds for Dismissal

In addition to violating the attendance and commitment policy, the AD and WYO Board reserves the right to dismiss members in cases of: Inappropriate, disruptive, threatening, physical or criminal behavior directed towards or injurious to other WYO members and staff, parents, family members and/or guests during rehearsals/concerts/meetings and/or the community at large. Destruction of property and/or equipment of WYO, Auburn High School, Pakachoag Church, or Pakachoag Music School of Greater Worcester and/or any rehearsal/performance space and equipment where WYO is a guest.

Appeals

Members asked to withdraw under this attendance policy may appeal to the WYO Board. Appeals must be in writing and addressed to the Artistic Director & WYO Board Chair.

Tuition Reimbursement

If a child is asked to withdraw/dismissed from the orchestra due to violation of the Attendance and Commitment Policy, s/he will not receive a tuition reimbursement.

If the student decides to permanently withdraw from the orchestra, s/he may qualify to receive a portion of their tuition reimbursed. Reimbursements will be for tuition only, Audition and Registration fees will not be reimbursed.

After the 1st rehearsal of the semester, tuition will be reimbursed at the following amounts:

Within 2 weeks: 75%

Within 3 weeks: 50%

Within 4 weeks: 25%

After 4 weeks: No tuition Reimbursement

Reviewed & Adopted by the WYO Board, May 2013

Concert Attire

Symphony Boys

All members must wear a white long sleeved button down shirt with a collar, black pants, black shoes and black socks. Members will be loaned a blue bow tie to wear. It should be picked up and returned for each performance.

Philharmonic Boys

All members must wear a white long sleeved button down shirt with a collar, black pants, black jacket, black shoes and black socks. Members will be loaned a blue bow tie to wear. It should be picked up and returned for each performance.

Symphony and Philharmonic Girls

All members must wear a white $\frac{3}{4}$ or long sleeved button down white shirt with a collar (it needs to cover your elbows), black pants or long black skirt, black shoes and black socks or tights. Members will be loaned a blue scarf to wear. It should be picked up and returned for each performance.

Wind Ensemble

Attire is all black. Boys must wear a black long sleeved button down shirt with collar, black pants, socks and shoes. Girls must wear a black $\frac{3}{4}$ or long sleeved button down black shirt with a collar (it needs to cover your elbows), black pants or long black skirt, black shoes and black socks or tights.

Jazz Ensemble

All members must wear black and white. Boys must wear a white long sleeved button down shirt with a collar, black pants, black jacket, black shoes and black socks. Girls must wear a white $\frac{3}{4}$ or long sleeved button down white shirt with a collar (it needs to cover your elbows), black pants or long black skirt, black shoes and black socks or tights. Members will be loaned a bow tie or vest to wear. It should be picked up and returned for each performance.

The conductor and general manager will communicate any variation on the above attire.

Concert Tickets (NEW THIS SEASON)

All WYO concerts require reserving a ticket for each attendee through our website or at the door. Most of our concerts are free, but they will all still require a ticket for all adults, seniors and children. Please visit www.worcesteryouthorchestras.org/tickets to reserve your tickets. Your email receipt will be your ticket and must be presented at the box office for admission.

All children 18 and under are free, but must still have a valid ticket reserved.

Tuition

All tuition payments are due at the beginning of the year. You will receive a balance from the general manger before the season begins. Any family that would like to set up a payment plan should contact the general manager at the beginning of the year. If you audition mid-year the tuition is due at the first rehearsal. All tuition rates can be seen on the WYO website. Tuition must be paid in full by the final rehearsal of the season.

Parent Committees

We rely on parents to help us make each event successful for the orchestra members. If you have a skill that can help the orchestra that is not listed below please let the General Manager or one of the Conductors know. Here is a brief list of ways for parents to be involved and help the WYO Board and Staff. Not everyone on each committee is expected to do everything. Sign-ups for each committee will occur at the beginning of each season.

Hospitality

- Help set up tables to collect reception donations
- Help organize dinner for the WYO students and staff (if needed)
- Set up post concert reception
- Clean up after the reception

Stage Crew

- Help bring any instruments or items needed for the concert to the venue (risers, stands, etc...)
- Set up the stage before the students arrive
- Help re-set the stage at intermission (if needed)
- Clean up the stage after the concert

**The Worcester Youth Orchestras
2016 – 2017 Rehearsal Schedule**

Symphony Orchestra (WYSO)

Rehearsal Sundays from 2pm to 5pm at Auburn High School unless otherwise noted
Sectional rehearsals occur each month with our coaches during rehearsal time.

FALL 2016

September

- 11th First Rehearsal
18th WYSO Sectionals
Parent Meeting 3:00pm at Auburn High School
Pizza Party 5:00pm AHS Cafeteria
25th

October

- 2nd WYSO Sectionals
9th
16th
Tuesday 18th
Concert: Season Preview Concert, Mechanics Hall Worcester, Washburn Hall
Call: 4:30pm, Performance 5:30pm, should be finished by 7:30pm
23rd
30th

November

- 6th WYSO Sectionals
Friday 11th
Concert: Veterans Day Performance, Union Station, Worcester
Call 4pm, Performance 7pm
13th
21st
27th

December

- Friday 2nd
Community Outreach Performance: Briarwood Retirement Home, Worcester
Call 6:30pm, Performance 7pm
4th WYSO Sectionals
11th Rehearsal at Shepherd Hill Regional High School, 68 Dudley Oxford Rd, Dudley, MA
Saturday 17th
Community Outreach Performance: St Vincent's Hospital, Worcester
Call 9:30am, Performance 10am
18th Holiday Family Concert, Mechanics Hall, Worcester
Call 1pm, Performance 2pm

WYO Offices will be closed Wednesday December 21st to Monday January 2nd

SPRING 2017

January

- 8th First Rehearsal of the Spring Semester, WYSO Sectionals
- 15th
- 22nd
- 29th

February

- 5th WYSO Sectionals
- 12th Mechanics Hall Organ Concert Series Mechanics Hall, Worcester
Call 1:30pm, Performance 4:00pm
- 19th No Rehearsal, February Vacation
- 26th

March

- 5th WYSO Sectionals
- 12th
- 19th
- 26th Concert: Four Orchestras Festival, Mechanics Hall, Worcester
Call 12:30pm, Performance 4pm

April

- 2nd WYSO Sectionals
- 9th
- Saturday 15th Bon Voyage Concert, Auburn High School, Auburn
Call 1:30pm, Performance 3pm
- 16th No Rehearsal
- Monday 17th 7am to Sunday 23rd 5pm Canadian Tour
- 30th

May

- 7th WYSO Sectionals
- 14th
- 21st Season Finale Gala, Mechanics Hall, Worcester
Call 1pm, Performance 3pm

Performance Schedule

Fall Semester

- 10/18 Concert: Season Preview Concert,
Mechanics Hall Worcester
- 11/11 Concert: Veterans Day Performance,
Union Station, Worcester
- 12/2 Community Outreach Performance:
Briarwood Retirement Home, Worcester
- 12/17 Community Outreach Performance:
St Vincent’s Hospital, Worcester
- 12/18 Holiday Family Concert,
Mechanics Hall, Worcester

Spring Semester

- 2/12 Mechanics Hall Organ Concert Series
Mechanics Hall, Worcester
- 4/15 Bon Voyage Concert
Auburn High School, Auburn
- 4/17 to 4/23 Canadian Tour
- 5/21 Season Finale Gala
Mechanics Hall, Worcester
- Season concludes on May 21, 2017*

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Philharmonic (WYP)

Rehearsal Sundays from 3pm to 5pm at Auburn High School unless otherwise noted
Sectional rehearsals occur each month with our coaches during rehearsal time, String players have one extra rehearsal hour each month with Jonathan from 2pm-3pm

FALL 2016

September

11th First Rehearsal, WYP Sectionals
18th Rehearsal as normal
Parent Meeting 3:00pm at Auburn HS
Pizza Party 5:00pm AHS Cafeteria
25th

October

2nd WYP Strings rehearsal 2pm-5pm
9th WYP Sectionals
16th
23rd
30th

November

6th WYP Strings rehearsal 2pm-5pm
13th WYP Sectionals
21st
27th

December

4th WYP Strings rehearsal 2pm-5pm
11th WYP Sectionals
18th Holiday Family Concert
Mechanics Hall, Worcester
Call 1pm, Performance 2pm

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December 21st to Monday January 2nd*

SPRING 2017

January

8th First Rehearsals of the Spring Semester
WYP Strings rehearsal 2pm-5pm
15th WYP Sectionals
22nd
29th

February

5th WYP Strings rehearsal 2pm-5pm
12th WYP Sectionals
19th No Rehearsal, February Vacation
26th

March

5th WYP Strings rehearsal 2pm-5pm
12th WYP Sectionals
19th
26th Four Orchestras Festival
Mechanics Hall, Worcester
Call 12:30pm, Performance 4pm

April

1st Collaborative Concert
Alden Hall WPI, Worcester
Call 2pm, Concert 5pm
2nd WYP Strings rehearsal 2pm-5pm
9th WYP Sectionals
16th No Rehearsal, Easter Sunday
23rd No Rehearsal, April Vacation
30th

May

7th WYP Strings rehearsal 2pm-5pm
14th
21st Season Finale Gala
Mechanics Hall, Worcester
Call 1pm, Performance 3pm

Season concludes on May 21, 2017

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WY Strings

Rehearsal Sundays from 2pm to 3pm at Auburn High School unless otherwise noted

FALL 2016

September

11th First Rehearsal
18th Rehearsal as normal
Parent Meeting 3:00pm Auburn HS
Pizza Party 5:00pm AHS Cafeteria
25th

October

2nd
9th
16th
23rd
30th

November

6th
13th
21st
27th

December

4th
11th
18th Holiday Family Concert
Mechanics Hall, Worcester
Call 1pm, Performance 2pm

*WYO Offices will be closed Wednesday
December 21st to Monday January 2nd*

SPRING 2017

January

8th First Rehearsal of the Spring Semester
15th
22nd
29th

February

5th
12th
19th No Rehearsal, February Vacation
26th

March

5th
12th
19th
26th

April

2nd
9th
16th No Rehearsal, Easter Sunday
23rd No Rehearsal, April Vacation
30th

May

7th
14th
21st Season Finale Gala
Mechanics Hall, Worcester
Call 1pm, Performance 3pm

Season concludes on May 21, 2017

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Wind Ensemble (WYWE)

Rehearsal Tuesdays from 6pm to 8pm at Auburn High School unless otherwise noted

FALL 2016

September

13th First Rehearsal

Sunday 18th

Parent Meeting 3:00pm Auburn HS

Pizza Party 5:00pm AHS Cafeteria

20th

27th

October

4th

11th

18th

25th

November

1st

8th No Rehearsal due to Election Day

Wednesday 9th

Rehearsal re-schedule from 11/8

15th

Saturday 19th Debut Concert,
Auburn High School, Auburn
call 4pm, Performance 7pm

22nd

29th

December

6th

13th

18th Holiday Family Concert

Mechanics Hall, Worcester

Call 1pm, Performance 2pm

WYO Offices will be closed Wednesday

December 21st to Monday January 2nd

SPRING 2017

January

10th First Rehearsal of the Spring Semester

17th

24th

31st

February

7th

14th

21st No Rehearsal, February Vacation

28th

March

7th

14th

21st

28th

April

4th

8th Spring Jazz and Wind Ensemble Concert
Auburn High School, Auburn
Call 4pm, Performance 7pm

11th

18th No Rehearsal, April Vacation

25th

May

2nd

9th

16th

21st Season Finale Gala

Mechanics Hall, Worcester

Call 1pm, Performance 3pm

Season concludes on May 21, 2017

**The Worcester Youth Orchestras
2016 – 2017 Rehearsal Schedule**

WY Jazz Ensemble

Rehearsal Mondays from 6pm to 8:30pm at Holy Name High School, Worcester unless otherwise noted

FALL 2016

September

12th First Rehearsal

Sunday 18th

Parent Meeting 3:00pm Auburn HS

Pizza Party 5:00pm AHS Cafeteria

19th

26th

October

3rd

10th No Rehearsal, Columbus Day

Tuesday 11th Rehearsal re-schedule from 10/10

17th

Tuesday 18th Season Preview Concert

Mechanics Hall: Washburn Hall

Call: 4:30pm, Performance 5:30pm,
should be finished by 7:30pm

24th

31st No Rehearsal, Halloween

November

Wednesday 2nd Rehearsal re-schedule from 10/31

7th

14th

19th Debut Concert

Auburn High School, Auburn

call 4pm, Performance 7pm

21st

28th

December

5th

12th

18th Holiday Family Concert

Mechanics Hall, Worcester

Call 1pm, Performance 2pm

WYO Offices will be closed Wednesday

December 21st to Monday January 2nd

SPRING 2017

January

9th

16th No Rehearsal, Holiday Weekend

23rd

30th

February

6th

13th

20th No Rehearsal, February Vacation

27th

March

6th

13th

20th

27th

April

3rd

8th Spring Jazz and Wind Ensemble Concert

Auburn High School, Auburn

Call 4pm, Performance 7pm

10th

17th

No Rehearsal, April Vacation

24th

May

1st

8th

15th

21st Season Finale Gala

Mechanics Hall, Worcester

Call 1pm, Performance 3pm

Season concludes on May 21, 2017

Chamber Ensemble Performances

Baroque Orchestra (WYBO)

November 5th

Concerto Concert

First Unitarian Worcester

Call 5pm, Performance 7pm

December 2nd

Community Outreach Performance: Briarwood Retirement Home, Worcester

Call 6:30pm, Performance 7pm

March 4th

Haydn Concert, First Unitarian, Worcester

Call 1pm, Performance 4pm

Clarinet Choir and Flute Choir

November 13th

Fall Concert, Pakachoag Church, Auburn

Performance 7pm

March 11th

Spring Concert, Pakachoag Church, Auburn

Concert 4pm

Honors String Quartet

October 30th

Schubert Mass in G, First Unitarian Church, Worcester

Call 9am, Service 10am

December 9th

Honors Chamber Music Performance, First Unitarian, Worcester

Call 4pm, Performance 7pm

May 5th

Honors Spring Recital, First Unitarian, Worcester

Call 4pm, Performance 7pm

Honors Wind Quintet

December 9th

Honors Chamber Music Performance, First Unitarian, Worcester

Call 4pm, Performance 7pm

May 5th

Honors Spring Recital, First Unitarian, Worcester

Call 4pm, Performance 7pm