

2011 SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA
SENIOR REGIONAL ORCHESTRA

String Auditions

STRING and HARP:

Saturday, September 24, 2011 at Kellam High School

Reed Matthews, Host

Mary Hughes, Chair

**Symphony & Chamber Orchestra
Audition Requirements –
Grades 9-12 are eligible**

I. Scales = 30%

ALL SCALES MUST BE MEMORIZED

Scales must be performed in the following manner:

- A. **Rhythm** – quarter notes at metronome marking of 120
- B. **Bowing** – *ascending* – two slurred, two martelé
Descending – four slurred
- C. **Scales** will be chosen from the following list:
Violin: 3 octaves
Major – G, A flat, A, D, E flat, E
Melodic Minor – a, b, d, g, c
Viola/Cello: 3 octaves
Major – C, D, E flat, G, A flat, A
Melodic Minor – a, c, d, e, g
Bass: 2 octaves
Major – E, F, G, A, B flat, B
Melodic Minor – e, f, g, a, b

II. Prepared Etude = 40%

Available on the VBODA website:
www.vaboda.org

III. Sight-Reading = 30%

**Preparatory Orchestra
Audition Requirements –
Grades 9-10 are eligible**

I. Scales = 30%

ALL SCALES MUST BE MEMORIZED

Scales must be performed in the following manner:

- A. **Rhythm** – quarter notes at metronome marking of 120
- B. **Bowing** – *ascending* – two slurred, two martelé
Descending – four slurred
- C. **Scales** will be chosen from the following list:
Violin: 2 octaves
Major – G, A flat, A, D, E flat, E
Melodic Minor – a, b, d, g, c
Viola/Cello: 2 octaves
Major – C, D, E flat, G, A flat, A
Melodic Minor – a, c, d, e, g
Bass: 2 octaves
Major – E, F, G, A
Melodic Minor – e, f, g, a

II. Prepared Etude = 40%

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III. Sight-Reading = 30%

HARP AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:

Harp auditions will occur if repertoire chosen for the event requires a harpist

The Regional Symphony Orchestra audition requirements will follow the All-Virginia audition requirements.

- I. **Technique = 40%**
- II. **Prepared Piece = 40%**
- III. **Sight-Reading = 20%**

Please contact the event chair if you are interested in auditioning on harp – mahughes@vbschools.com

INFORMATION:

ORCHESTRAS:

String students will be selected for the Symphony Orchestra (full orchestra) and Chamber Orchestra (a small ensemble which may or may not include some winds) based on audition scores. The maximum number of strings for the **Symphony** is as follows (final decision of eligibility made by Audition Chairperson):

First Violin – 22, Second Violin – 22, Viola – 16, Cello – 14 & Bass – 8

The maximum number of strings for the **Chamber Orchestra** is as follows (final decision of eligibility made by Audition Chairperson):

First Violin – 10, Second Violin – 10, Viola – 8, Cello – 6 & Bass – 3

Students auditioning for the Preparatory Orchestra will be selected based on audition scores. The maximum number of strings for the **Preparatory Orchestra** is as follows (final decision of eligibility made by Audition Chairperson):

First Violin – 22, Second Violin – 22, Viola – 16, Cello – 14 & Bass – 8

Students are only eligible for ONE audition. 9th & 10th graders must choose – either the Preparatory Orchestra OR the Symphony/Chamber Orchestras.

11th & 12th graders are only eligible for the Symphony/Chamber Orchestras.

ALL-STATE ELIGIBILITY:

- **STRINGS:** Only students who are selected for the Senior Regional Symphony Orchestra and fulfill their commitment at the event will be eligible to audition for All-Virginia Orchestra.
- **WINDS and PERCUSSION:** The following players will be eligible to audition for the All-Virginia Symphony Orchestra and Band: 1 piccolo, 2 flutes, 2 oboes, 1 English Horn, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 3 trumpets, 4 horns, 2 tenor trombones, 1 bass trombone, 1 tuba, 4 multi-percussionists.

DIRECTORS:

- I. ***All high school Orchestra and Band Directors who have students auditioning MUST be present and participate in the adjudication process.*** Student eligibility depends on your required attendance.
- II. Violation of any School rules, VMEA rules, VBODA rules or teacher rules will result in disqualification.
- III. All registration forms and fees must be submitted on time! They will be due in September.
- IV. Senior Regional Orchestra EVENT information will be available to the directors at the auditions.
- V. Questions? Contact Mary Hughes at mahughes@vbschools.com for String Audition information.