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or mail to KWS Youth Orchestra Program Auditions, 36 King Street West, Kitchener, ON, N2G 1A3
or drop off in the "Completed Applications" folder at the above address.
For info email Barb Kaplanek, YOP Coordinator or call 519.745.4711 ext 390 or go to www.kwsymphony.ca

Please, indicate the ENSEMBLE you wish to join and if you are interested in the Chamber Music Program.
See the reverse side for details.

Preludium String

Introductory level string ensemble

Youth Strings

Junior level string ensemble

Youth Sinfonia

Intermediate level string ensemble

Youth Orchestra

Advanced level symphony orchestra

Valhalla Brass

Intermediate to advanced brass ensemble

Chamber Music Program

Available for all levels

Name of Applicant:		New To YOP <input type="checkbox"/> Returning <input type="checkbox"/>	
Instrument:	Age:	Birthdate (DD/MM/YY):	
Contact Information			
Address:			
City:	Province:	Postal Code:	
Telephone (Home):	Telephone (Cell):	Telephone (Work):	
Email Address (Frequently Checked):			
Music Education Related Information			
Do You Have A Private (Instrument) Teacher? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		If Yes, Please Give Name of Teacher: Teacher's Phone Number:	
Number of Years Playing Instrument:	Have You Attended any Music School or Passed Any Music Exams? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, Please List:	
Do You Have Previous Orchestral Experience? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		If Yes, Please List:	
Are You Currently a Member of Any Chamber Music Group? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		If Yes, Please List Names of Other Players And Their Instruments:	
Which School Will You Attend In The Fall?			Grade / Year:
Youth Orchestra Candidates String Players Only		Auditioning for Section Leader? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Auditioning for Concertmaster (Violin only)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Signature of Applicant:			Date (DD/MM/YY):

The Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Youth Orchestra Program (YOP) offers weekly rehearsals, sectionals coached by KWS musicians, retreats, chamber music program, specialized sessions with guest coaches, community outreach performances, side-by-side performances with other YOP ensembles and with the KW Symphony, chamber music concerts and full orchestral performances. **The main concerts of the 2011-12 season will be held on Saturdays: December 3, February 11 and April 14.** Awards and scholarships are presented to the outstanding members of the four YOP ensembles at the end of the season. Bursaries are available to eligible candidates. For info contact the YOP Coordinator at bkaplanek@kwsymphony.on.ca or 519.745.4711 ext.390. The YOP ensembles:

PRELUDIUM STRINGS (introductory level string ensemble)

Provides an introduction to orchestral performance for string players reading and playing at or above **Grade 1 RCM or Suzuki Book I.** *The playing levels are suggested guidelines only.* **Rehearsals:** Tuesdays, 5:15 – 6:15 pm, late September through April at Conrad Center for the Performing Arts. **Conductor:** Allene Chomyn

Registration Requirements: Qualified candidates please submit the application. There are no auditions for the Beginning Strings candidates. Just submit the application and show up to the **"Open House" rehearsal, on Tuesday, September 20, 5:15 – 6:15 pm.**

Fee: \$295 due at the rehearsal on September 27 along with completed membership form (distributed at the Open House). Half of the fee may be in the form of postdated cheque for January 15, 2012. Cheques payable to KW Symphony.

YOUTH STRINGS (junior level string ensemble)

Provides an orchestral performance instruction for string players with some ensemble experience, reading and playing at or above **Grade 3 RCM or Suzuki Book III.** *The playing levels are suggested guidelines only.* **Rehearsals:** Tuesdays, 5:30 to 7:00 pm, September through April at Conrad Center for the Performing Arts. **Conductor:** Lance Ouellette.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS: Prepare the selected Youth Strings excerpts available for pick up at the Conrad Center, Box Office doors (can be emailed). **Auditions are scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at the Conrad Center.** The YOP Coordinator will contact you with an audition time after the application has been received.

Fee: \$405 due at the rehearsal on September 20 along with completed membership form (distributed at the auditions). Half of the fee may be in the form of postdated cheque for January 15, 2012. Cheques payable to KW Symphony

YOUTH SINFONIA (intermediate level string ensemble)

Provides instruction for string players with some ensemble experience playing at or above **Grade 6 RCM or Suzuki Book V.** *The provided playing levels are suggested guidelines only.* **Rehearsals:** Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:45 pm, September through April at Conrad Center for the Performing Arts. **Conductor:** Julie Baumgartel.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS: Prepare the selected Sinfonia excerpts available for pick up at the Conrad Center, Box Office doors (can be emailed). **Auditions are scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at the Conrad Center.** The YOP Coordinator will contact you with an audition time after the application has been received.

The Fee: \$405 due at the rehearsal on September 21 along with completed membership form (distributed at the auditions). Half of the fee may be in the form of postdated cheque for January 15, 2012. Cheques payable to KW Symphony

YOUTH ORCHESTRA (advanced level symphony orchestra)

Provides the thrilling experience of rehearsing and performing the wide variety of symphonic masterpieces. In addition to the activities listed above, the candidates will have an opportunity to compete in the annual Concerto Competition. Applicants should play at or above **Grade 8 RCM or Suzuki Book VII (Strings).** **Rehearsals:** Sundays, 1:00 to 3:30 pm, September through April, Wilfrid Laurier University, Faculty of Music. **Highlights of the season:** appointment of **Evan Mitchell** as KWS Assistant Conductor and YO conductor; exchange visits and performances with the Northern Ohio YO in the fall.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS: Prepare the selected Youth Orchestra excerpts available for pick up at the Conrad Center, Box Office doors (can be emailed). Auditions are scheduled at Wilfrid Laurier University, Faculty of Music for the following dates:

STRINGS: September 9 and 10 WINDS / BRASS / PERCUSSION: September 10 (afternoon)

1st MEETING: Sunday, September 11, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

The YOP Coordinator will contact you with an audition time after the application has been received.

The Fee: \$450 due at the rehearsal September 25 along with completed membership form (distributed at the auditions). Half of the fee may be in the form of postdated cheque for January 15, 2012. Cheques payable to KW Symphony

VALHALLA BRASS (intermediate to advanced level brass ensemble)

Combining the powerful orchestral brass section with the intimacy of chamber music, the Valhalla Brass consists of trumpets, French horns, tenor and bass trombones, euphonium, tuba and percussion. Applicants should play at or above **Grade 6 RCM.** Advanced candidates may audition for Valhalla Brass exclusively or combined with YO. *The playing level is a suggested guideline only.* **Rehearsals:** Sundays, 3:30 - 4:30pm, September - April, Wilfrid Laurier University, Faculty of Music. **Conductor:** Trevor Wagler

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS: Prepare two contrasting pieces or two contrasting movements of your choice. You may be asked to sight-read. If you audition for Youth Orchestra, you will not need to re-audition for the Valhalla Brass. No accompanists are required or allowed at the auditions. **Auditions are scheduled for September 10 (afternoon) at Wilfrid Laurier University, Faculty of Music.**

The YOP Coordinator will contact you with an audition time after the application has been received.

The Fee: \$295 due at the rehearsal on September 25 along with completed membership form (distributed at the auditions). Half of the fee may be in the form of postdated cheque for January 15, 2012. Cheques payable to KW Symphony

CHAMBER MUSIC PROGRAM (available for all levels)

This program provides chamber music instruction for all instrumentalists, candidates for small ensembles (trios, quartets, etc.). The instruction will focus on leadership and abilities to follow, teamwork, active listening and exploring a wide range of chamber music repertoire. The main coaches of CMP are members of Bremen String Quartet. The CMP concert will be scheduled towards the end of the season; other opportunities will include outreach events and CITS lobby performances. Please, complete The Chamber Music Program Application Form also available on our website and distributed at the auditions. **The fee per participant: \$15 / session. Cheques payable to KW Symphony (submitted at the commencement of this program; the number of sessions TBD).**