

**BOSTON YOUTH
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRAS**

Federico Cortese, Music Director

**PERCUSSION:
LIVE AUDITION – MAY 2023**

AUDITION REPERTOIRE AND REQUIREMENTS

BYSO auditions are open to students entering grades K-12. Please follow the audition standards that most closely match your current level of playing. Candidates audition for BYSO – not a specific ensemble – and selected candidates will be placed in an orchestra based on level. Please note that due to the competitive nature of auditions, placement is not guaranteed, and BYSO members must re-audition each year.

All students audition on snare drum, timpani, and mallets. Instruments provided include a standard set of 4 timpani, concert snare drum, and xylophone. Students must provide their own sticks and mallets.

For PW Level:

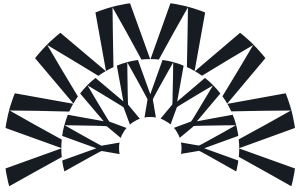
- Snare drum rudiments:
 - Single stroke roll
 - Double stroke roll
 - Multiple bounce roll
- Mallets:
 - 1-octave C major scale and arpeggio
- Timpani:
 - Ability to tune a given pitch

For JRO Level:

- All requirements above plus...
- Snare drum rudiments:
 - Paradiddles
 - Flams
- Mallets:
 - 1-octave F, G, B-flat and D major scales and arpeggios
- Timpani:
 - Ability to tune perfect fourths and perfect fifths

For REP Level:

- All requirements above plus...
- Snare drum rudiments:
 - Flam accents
 - Drags
- Mallets:
 - 2-octave major scales and arpeggios through 3 sharps or flats
- Timpani:
 - Ability to tune to major or minor thirds



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 - Flam taps
 - Single ratamacue
- Mallets:
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- Timpani:
 - Ability to tune to major or minor sixths

Solo Selections

Prepare one short solo selection for each instrument: snare drum, mallets, and timpani. Your prepared music should be chosen, in consultation with your teacher, from the standard solo literature for your instrument. Pieces from popular songbooks and band parts are not acceptable audition selections.

Excerpts

All percussionists will be required to learn excerpts which will be released which will be released on the BYSO website in mid-March.

Sight-Reading

All students may be asked to participate in sight-reading at the audition.

COVID INFORMATION

Students who have symptoms of COVID-19 should test prior to their audition. The test must be a PCR taken within 72 hours or rapid antigen taken within 24 hours of the audition.

Students who **test positive or have been exposed within 10 days of their audition** should promptly notify the BYSO office by emailing byso@bu.edu and should not attend their audition until next steps are received.

Currently, BYSO requires all members to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and to have received one booster shot as eligible.