



**BOSTON YOUTH  
SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRAS**  
*Federico Cortese, Music Director*

**PIANO:  
LIVE AUDITION – MAY 2023**

## **AUDITION REPERTOIRE AND REQUIREMENTS**

BYSO auditions are open to students entering grades K-12. 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.

### **Scales (by memory)**

All major and minor scales, 4-octaves

### **Solo Selections**

Prepare two contrasting selections from your solo repertoire that demonstrate both a lyrical/slow and a technical/fast style of playing. 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 pianists will be required to learn selected orchestral excerpts which will be released on the BYSO website in mid-April.

### **Sight-Reading**

All pianists will 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](mailto:byso@bu.edu) and should not attend their audition until next steps are received.

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