



# The Academy of Saint Cecilia Youth Orchestra



## What is the Academy of Saint Cecilia Youth Orchestra?

The Academy of Saint Cecilia Youth Orchestra (ASCYO) has five performing ensembles, three orchestras, two bands and a Beginning Woodwind, Brass and Percussion program that provide the opportunity for young musicians to attain musical excellence through instruction, rehearsal, and public performances of the great musical compositions of the past and present. ASCYO fosters a holistic and wholesome environment where music and the arts are connected to the other areas of life in a balanced setting. ASCYO is an independent 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization.

## Who can join?

Beginning string and band students who read music, intermediate level string and band students, and advanced level high school students can join. Students wishing to learn a band instrument can join the Beginning Woodwind and Brass Classes. It is also a great way for advanced students to learn to play a second instrument!



## When & Where are rehearsals?

ASCYO ensembles rehearse for one to two hours (depending on the ensemble) between 6:00 to 9:00 pm each Tuesday night for 12 weeks in the fall and spring. The first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 9, 2014. All rehearsals will be held at Damascus United Methodist Church, Damascus, MD.



## Are there any lessons?

Yes! Each semester, members of the Beginning Woodwind and Brass classes receive 8 small-group lessons. The group lessons are an hour long and are held on Tuesday evenings. Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet and Percussion are offered. The last 4 weeks of the semester, the classes are brought together as a band.



## Are there concerts?

Yes! Each semester concludes with a three day concert series.

## Who are the Ensemble Conductors?

Mr. Walter G. Edmonds (Youth Orchestra),  
To Be Determined (Chamber Orchestra and Prep Orchestra),  
Mr. Charles H. Doherty (Symphonic Band), and  
Mrs. Vicki Eschelman (Beginning Band, and  
the Beginning Woodwind and Brass Program).



## What is the cost & how do I join ?

Auditions will be held September 3 – 4, 2014 from 5:00 -9:00 pm. (Beginning Instrumental Petting Zoo will be from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.) The annual cost is: \$300 first student/family; \$225 second student/family; \$150 third student/family; Family maximum \$675. Payment plan available.

For more information, email Lerna May-Frandsen, Executive Director at [talenthnr@aol.com](mailto:talenthnr@aol.com) or call (301) 821-1162 to set up an audition. Check out our website, [www.ascyo.org](http://www.ascyo.org)