

BSYO Summer Music Camp

String Audition Requirements 2026

*While we welcome students of all levels to attend camp, we do require a placement audition to sort students into the appropriate ensemble for their skill level. Current BSYO members (Spring 2026) are not required to audition for camp. All others will be required to submit a video audition by **June 15, 2026**. Submissions must be made via email to bsyoinfo@gmail.com as an unlisted YouTube video link. For details on uploading your audition video, please visit the BSYO Summer Music Camp page!*

Prelude Strings: Prelude Strings is designed for developing string players, and the group plays middle school literature. Students auditioning for Prelude should prepare the following:

- **One** of the following 3 major scales and arpeggios: D, G, & C (one octave required, two/three octaves optional)
- Solo of the student's choosing that best showcases playing ability (about 1 minute)
- No sight-reading or Excerpts 1, 2, 3 required.

Mezzo Strings: Mezzo Strings is an intermediate ensemble and the group plays advanced middle school/early high school literature. Students auditioning for Mezzo Strings should prepare the following:

- Excerpt 1 (found on www.bsyoinfo.com)
- Major scales and arpeggios (students can play additional octaves if they wish):
 - Violin: Two octaves - G, D
 - Viola & Cello: Two octaves - C, G
 - Bass: One octave - C, A

Overture Strings: Overture Strings is an advanced ensemble and the group plays advanced high school literature. Students auditioning for Overture Strings should prepare the following:

- Excerpt 1 & 2 (found on www.bsyoinfo.com)
- Major scales and arpeggios (students can play additional octaves if they wish):
 - Violin: Two octaves - C, D,
 - Viola & Cello: Two octaves - G, F
 - Bass: Two octaves - G, F

Camp Philharmonic Strings: The Camp Philharmonic is our most advanced ensemble that plays collegiate and professional level repertoire. Students auditioning for the Camp Philharmonic should prepare the following:

- Excerpt 2 & 3 (found on www.bsyoinfo.com)
 - Students will be asked to play a portion of Excerpt 2 & 3, chosen by the directors.
- Major scales and arpeggios (students can play additional octaves if they wish):
 - Violin: Three octaves - G, Bb
 - Viola & Cello: Three octaves: C, Eb
 - Bass: Two octaves - C, G

BSYO Summer Music Camp Audition Excerpts

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Cello

Excerpt 1:

Scottish Folk Song arr. Carrie Lane Gruselle - *Loch Lomond*

Excerpt 2:

Smetana arr. Frost - *Themes from the Moldau*

Excerpt 3:

Verdi - La Forza del Destino (2 passages)

First passage of musical notation, featuring two staves. The top staff begins with a bracketed section labeled 'I' and includes a forte (*ff*) dynamic marking. The bottom staff concludes with a bracketed section labeled 'J'. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Second passage of musical notation, featuring two staves. The top staff begins with a bracketed section labeled 'N' and includes the tempo marking 'Tempo I (Allegro brill)'. The bottom staff includes a piano (*p*) dynamic marking. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.