

## Community Youth Orchestras

**American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra:** <http://www.ayporchestras.org/>

This group includes four orchestras at different skill levels (*preparatory* and *advanced*). Applicants who qualify at the *preparatory* skill level will be eligible for the preparatory orchestras (String Ensemble and Concert Orchestra). Applicants who qualify at the *advanced* skill level will be eligible for the advanced orchestras (Symphonic Orchestra and American Youth Philharmonic). Rehearsals are on Monday evenings.

**Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra:** [www.wmpa.us/](http://www.wmpa.us/)

The WMYO is composed of some of the area's finest young musicians who are serious about their musical development, whether or not they intend to pursue a musical career.. It's goal is to provide members with the excitement of performing challenging music in a medium-sized orchestra. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings.

**McLean Youth Orchestra:** <http://mclean-orchestra.org/myo/>

MYO has an exchange program with its "sister" youth orchestra in Chiba, Japan. For the past several years MYO has either traveled to Japan or hosted musicians from the Chiba youth orchestra. In addition, members of the MYO can be granted college credit through Northern Virginia Community College. Rehearsals are on Saturday mornings.

**The Youth Orchestras of Fairfax:** <http://www.tyof.org/news.php>

The Youth Orchestras of Fairfax are two ensembles comprised of talented school-aged musicians from the Greater Washington D.C. area. The Youth Symphony Orchestra of Fairfax (YSO) is complete with strings and winds. The Junior Orchestra of Fairfax (JO) features intermediate level strings. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings.

**The Youth Orchestras of Prince William:** <http://www.pwcweb.com/yopw/>

YOPW enrolls approximately 375 students in three string orchestras, two symphony orchestras, a wind symphony, and a variety of chamber music ensembles. Students are primarily from Prince William County, Virginia, but YOPW members come from all over Northern Virginia and North Central Virginia. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings.

For a complete listing of all youth orchestras in the region (including DC, MD, and outlying counties of Virginia, please visit <http://www.sagwa.org/SAGWAOrchOpps.html>