



Charlotte Symphony

Youth Orchestras

Bass

Audition Packet for 2026-27

1. Scales and Arpeggios: This list is derived from the Western Regional Audition requirements. Two scales will be randomly chosen from the following keys. C, G, A, F, Bb; D*Major

Slur scales 4 notes per bow and arpeggios 3 notes per bow

Scales should be two octaves when possible. *(D Major should be one octave)

Students may play 1 octave scales but will only be considered for Youth Philharmonic

2. Solo of candidate's choice (about 1-2 minute): May be an excerpt of a concerto, sonata, etude or other musical piece. You may use All-District or Honors Orchestra music if you cannot find an alternative solo. However, we would prefer you choose a different piece of music.

3. Excerpts: Select 2 of the excerpts in this packet to prepare for your audition. You should select the music that is the most challenging that you can prepare to a high level. Your selection and preparation will play a vital role in determining your placement.

We recommend you listen to a recording of your selected excerpts

4. Sight reading: We will provide a short sight reading excerpt for you at the audition. You will get a minute to look it over and then play it.

Red from Krisanna's Colors by Robert W. Smith

Mysterious $\text{♩} = 60$ [9] Dramatic $\text{♩} = 76$

17 Intense $\text{♩} = 160$ [21] [29]

Yellow from Krisanna's Colors by Robert W. Smith

50 With great joy!

51 52 53

54 55 56 57 58 59

60 61 62 63 64 65

sfz *f* *ff* *fff*

#3

New World Symphony
1st movement

Antonin Dvorak
arr. Merle J. Isaac

Bass $\text{♩} = 108$

Handwritten musical score for Bass, measures 62-82. The score is written on three staves in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked $\text{♩} = 108$. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. The first staff (measures 62-70) begins with a bracketed measure number [62] and an 'arco' marking. It features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes with fingerings (1, 4, 4, 1, 4, 1) and dynamic markings (*ff*, *ffz*, *I*, *II*, *I*, *1/2*, *I*, *IV*, *ffz*, *II*). The second staff (measures 70-82) starts with a bracketed measure number [70] and continues the melodic line with fingerings (2, 1, 4, 1, 2, 4, 1, 2) and dynamic markings (*f*, *fz*, *f*, *fz*, *f*, *ff*, *1/2*, *1*). The third staff (measures 82-88) begins with a bracketed measure number [82] and includes a large bracketed section at the end. It contains fingerings (1, 4, 1, 2, 2, 4, 1, 2, 1, 4, 4, 1) and dynamic markings (*mf*, *I*, *1/2*, *I*, *1/2*, *ff*, *III*, *VI*, *V*, *II*, *I*, *f*, *V*). The score is annotated with various performance instructions and fingering numbers throughout.

#4

Symphony No. 5
Fourth movement

Tchaikovsky

Bass $d = 138 - 152$

412 *p* *f* *cresc.*

419 *ff*

Poco meno mosso
1 2 3 4 5 6
N2 *fff* *fff* *fff*

Molto vivace
436 *sempre fff*

441 6 *fff*

452 *fff*

461 *riten. molto*