



Charlotte Symphony

Youth Orchestras

Cello

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, D, F, A, Bb Scales should be three octaves when possible.*A, Bb should be two octaves)

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

Students may present 1 or 2 octaves scales but will only be considered for 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 the excerpts you select.

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.

Yellow from Krisanna's Colors

Robert W. Smith

#1

Cello

Bright! $\text{♩} = 138$

4 5 8 13

mf

14 15

16 17 *f* 18 19 20 21 4

25 *mf* 26 27 28 29 Fugue 33 41 *mf* 4 8

Red from Krisanna's Colors

Robert W. Smith

#2

Mysterious $\text{♩} = 60$

6 9 Dramatic $\text{♩} = 76$ (V)

pp *f*

12 13 14 15 16 *rit*

17 Intense $\text{♩} = 160$ (V) 21 8 29 4 *mf*

New World Symphony
First movement

Antonin Dvorak
arr. Merle J. Isaac

#3

cello $\text{♩} = 108$

cresc.

ffz

ff

mf

ff

mf

mp

p

rit.

a tempo

[62]

[70]

[82]

[89]

[100]

Symphony No. 5 Tchaikovsky
Fourth movement

Cello

$d = 138 - 152$

408 *f* *mf* *dim.* *p*

410 *mf* *dim.* *p* *f*

416 *cresc.*

420 *ff* *Rall.*

424 *Poco meno mosso* *ff*

428 *sempre con tutta forza*

431

434 *Molto vivace* *ff* *sempre fff*

438

442

446

450 *ff* *riten. molto*

456

482