

Sequoia Youth Orchestras – 2024/25

Important Information for the coming semester

We hope everyone is having a great Christmas/Winter Vacation! Below is all the information needed to get started for yet another amazing semester with the Sequoia Youth Orchestras. Once again, we are fortunate to get to use the beautiful College of the Sequoias (COS) facilities for our rehearsals, as well as have our performance at the Visalia FOX Theater.

Our Spring performance is set for **April 22nd at the Visalia FOX Theater, please note that this is a TUESDAY.** Below is our rehearsal schedule for the coming Spring semester. Please look carefully at all the rehearsal and concert dates to help you decide *before* our first rehearsal if your student can commit *fully* to this amazing and unique opportunity.

Audition music can be found at: www.jfritzmusic.com/sequoia-youth-orchestras

Youth Orchestra Audition Information

When: Thursday, January 23rd - Last Name: A-G: 6 PM H-O: 6:30 PM P-Z: 7 PM

(Please allow at least 15 minutes for warming up)

Where: College of the Sequoias Music (Sierra) Building

What to bring: Instrument AND your audition music

Rehearsal Dates

Jan.: 23rd(Auditions) 30th **Feb.:** 6th 13th 20th 27th **Mar.:** 6th 13th 20th 27th **April.:** 3rd 10th

There is a \$50 participation fee due by February 13th. *Please note, we are so excited that so many students want to be in our orchestras but in order to maintain a high level we need to limit the number of players we can accept in each group, so please practice diligently. Past participation will not guarantee your spot as it has in previous years.*

Video submissions will only be considered on a pre-arranged case-by-case basis for students who are ill or are unable to make in-person auditions. Please contact Mr. Fritz to discuss options if necessary. We look forward to seeing and hearing you all on **January 23rd!** Mr. and Mrs. Fritz

Information about the Sequoia Youth Orchestras

Strings – Directed by Lisa Fritz

A String Orchestra consisting of beginning violin, viola, cello, and bass

Recommended ages: Any age through 8th grade with at least one year of playing experience.

Rehearsals: Thursday evenings from **6:45 to 7:45pm** in the COS Music Building (Choir Room)

Email: lmegfritz@gmail.com **Website:** jfritzmusic.com **Facebook:** Sequoia Youth Orchestra

Youth Symphony – Directed by Jeff Fritz

A Symphonic Orchestra consisting of intermediate level strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion

Recommended ages: 6th through 12th grade with at least three years of playing experience.

Rehearsals: Thursday evenings from **6 to 8pm** in the COS Music Building (Band Room)

Email: jeffTfritz@gmail.com **Website:** jfritzmusic.com **Facebook:** Sequoia Youth Orchestra

College of the Sequoias Symphony - Directed by Michael Tackett

A Symphonic Orchestra consisting of the most advanced level strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion players in Tulare County that meet every Monday for a two hour evening rehearsal.

Recommended ages: 10th grade through college with at least four years of playing experience. **Younger players may audition, but are required to perform an audition on music provided by Mr. Fritz.**

Rehearsals: Monday evenings from **6:30 to 9:00pm** in the COS Music Building (Band Room)

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