

Belleville Youth Orchestra: Students must audition and be accepted into this orchestra. Open to band (woodwind, brass, and percussion) and string players with at least 2 years of experience. This is a full orchestra setting meaning that band and strings players combine into one group. Rehearsals are on Mondays from 5:30-7:30 PM.

<u>Beginning Strings</u>: Students that have some bowed stringed instrument experience or would like to learn are welcome to join.

There are two levels offered: A beginning level that meets on Tuesdays from 5:00- 5:45 PM. There is also a "level 2" group for those with some experience, but may not be ready for the challenge of the Youth Orchestra. It meets on Tuesdays from 5:45- 6:30 PM.

We encourage students that do not have a school string program to also take private lessons from the many community private string teachers in our area. We also stress that participation in these groups is to complement the school music programs, not replace it.

Both the Youth and Junior Youth Orchestras rehearse in the Philharmonic Hall in downtown Belleville and participate in concerts around the community. The cost to participate in one of the youth orchestra programs is only \$70 per child.

For more information or to set up an audition email the Youth Orchestra manager: Julie Herr bellevilleyouthorchestra@gmail.com



Belleville PHILHARMONIC Society CONCERTS (made up of adult community players)

Youth Musicians that are part of the youth or junior youth orchestras will receive a membership card to get themselves into any of the 6 Philharmonic concerts, including the Nutcracker. This does not include the piano series. Family members can purchase tickets online or at the door. The first concert of the regular Philharmonic season will be the Stars of Today and Tomorrow Concert on Saturday, October 21st 7:30 p.m. St. Paul United Church of Christ. This concert will feature young winners of the Philharmonic's Stars of Tomorrow Concert. This would be an excellent concert for families to attend. Please check the Belleville Philharmonic web site for future concert dates and events. www.bellevillephilharmonic.org