

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. Auditions are Saturday, August 18 from 1:00- 4:00 or Monday, August 20th from 5:00- 7:30 P.M.

<u>Beginning Strings:</u> Students that have some bowed stringed instrument experience or would like to learn are welcome to join. **OPEN HOUSE to try bowed stringed instruments and meet the director Tuesday, September 4th from 5:00-6:30 PM.**

There are two levels offered:

A beginning level, "Level 1" meets on Tuesdays from 5:00- 5:45 PM.

Or "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 116 N. Jackson St. in Belleville and participate in concerts around the community. The cost to participate in one of the youth orchestra programs is only \$75 per child for the school year.

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

