

MISSION

The mission of the **Glendale Youth Orchestra** is to provide qualified young musicians an environment in which to explore, comprehend, appreciate and develop a lasting interest in music in a quality setting.

As orchestra members,

- They perform concerts of standard symphonic music at the Alex Theatre.
- They interact with students who share their interest in music.
- They learn the value of achievement, teamwork, and discipline.
- They work with top teaching professionals as coaches.
- They extend and enhance, though not replace their school music experience.
- They give back to their community.
- They serve as an example for their peers.
- They know the joy of accomplishment and the pride of a performance well done.

THE MUSICIANS

The orchestra is composed of students ranging from grade six through the first two years of college who have studied their instrument for a minimum of two years. **Members are required to participate in their school music programs and to take weekly private music instruction.**

Many GYO alumni have gone on to prestigious universities and music schools such as Brown, Carnegie Mellon, Juilliard, USC Thornton School, Oberlin, New England Conservatory, Manhattan School of Music, MIT, Peabody Institute, Stanford, University of Chicago, UCLA, Yale, San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

CONCERTS

The GYO performs three concerts of standard symphonic music from the classical repertoire at Glendale's historic Alex Theatre. Concert dates are **November 19, 2017, March 11, 2018, and May 20, 2018.**

The GYO also sponsors an annual Showcase Recital to be held in April, featuring young artists from the orchestra performing solo works.

CONDUCTOR



Brad Keimach, GYO's dynamic conductor, made his Carnegie Hall debut in 1986. A graduate of New York's prestigious Juilliard School, Mr. Keimach studied conducting at Tanglewood with Leonard Bernstein, and holds an MFA from the Purchase Conservatory of the State University of New York. He has been Music Director of the Westfield Symphony, The Musica Viva Chamber Symphony and the West Orange Collegiate Orchestra, as well as appearing as guest conductor of numerous orchestras, opera and ballet companies. Mr. Keimach served four years as a Teaching Artist for the Lincoln Center Institute for the Arts in Education and taught at Antioch University. He currently maintains a private studio for advanced conducting students.

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals are Sundays, from 5:00-8:00 PM at The Hall of Liberty located inside Forest Lawn Park-Hollywood Hills, (Forest Lawn Drive exit off 134 Freeway near Burbank). The address is 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles, 90068. This season's first rehearsal is Sunday, September 11, 2016.

It is required that all students accepted into the GYO will attend all rehearsals. Each person is responsible for arranging his/her calendar of school concerts, etc. and making the full commitment to the Glendale Youth Orchestra as scheduled.

If you have any questions,
please contact our Orchestra Manager at
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www.glendaleyouthorchestra.com

AUDITIONS

Auditions are required for both prospective and returning members. Initial auditions will be held on **June 4th & 11th and August 20th & 27th** with some additional opportunities offered throughout the season.

Auditions will involve playing an excerpt from the standard orchestral literature, and a short solo that demonstrates your level of achievement (no accompanist). You may also be asked to sight-read and play a major or relative harmonic minor scale in any key (up to 5 sharps or flats). **The audition application and excerpts are available on our website:**

www.glendaleyouthorchestra.com

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Upon acceptance, a deposit of \$200.00 to hold your spot is requested. The remainder of the tuition is payable at the first rehearsal or in 2 payments (Sept. 10th & Nov. 5th). *Other payment plans can be arranged, as needed.* The tuition includes five tickets to each concert & a professionally recorded CD of each concert. Students joining the GYO mid-year are offered prorated tuition.

Membership Fees*

Audition Fee.....	\$30.00
Annual Tuition	\$775.00

SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of need and merit based scholarships are available to offset the cost of tuition. The first two pages of both parents' current Federal and State tax returns are required with the application.