

Dear Musician,

Greetings from the <u>Quad City Symphony Youth Ensembles</u>! The QCSYE program consists of four orchestral ensembles including two full orchestras and two string ensembles for strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. For **Prelude Strings**, students need only apply and have their school music teacher complete a teach recommendation form. For **all other ensembles**, students record a short audition for membership.

<u>Read about each ensemble</u> and view <u>this webpage</u> to learn more about how to join. These resources include:

- Overview of each ensemble
- Important concert/event dates
- Specific audition requirements for each instrument
- Tuition and financial aid information
- Membership benefits

Please also visit <u>qcso.org</u> for links to excerpts and forms. **Applications and auditions are due on Saturday, May 14.**

I want to reinforce our commitment to access, especially at a time when many families may be experiencing financial hardship. We will continue offering financial aid so that any student can audition and participate regardless of financial constraints.

Reach out with any questions you have about joining the QCSYE!

Yours in music,

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