

Sequoia Youth Orchestras – 2026/27

Important Information for the coming semester

We hope everyone is having a great summer break! Below is all the information needed to get started for yet another amazing year 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 performances at the Visalia FOX Theater.

Our Fall performance is set for **November 19th** at the Visalia Fox Theater. Below is our rehearsal schedule for the coming Fall 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, August 27th - 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

Aug.: 27th (Auditions) **Sept.:** 3rd 10th 17th 24th **Oct.:** 1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th **Nov.:** 5th 12th

There is a \$50 participation fee due by September 17th.

Although not ideal, video submissions will be considered on a case-by-case basis for students who become ill or are unable to make in-person auditions due by August 27th. Regardless of the reason, please contact Mr. Fritz to discuss options. We look forward to seeing and hearing you all on **August 27th!** Mr. and Mrs. Fritz

Information about the Sequoia Youth Orchestras

Strings – Directed by Lisa Fritz

A String Orchestra consisting of late 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 8:00pm** in the COS Music Building (Choir Room)

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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 two 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 through college age 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 on August 23rd.**

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

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