

COMMUNITY ORCHESTRAS IN MINNESOTA

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We hope this list of community orchestras will help teachers find an ensemble for themselves or for their adult students. The information is correct as far as we know at time of printing; however there are bound to be errors and omissions. Please send additions and corrections to String Notes editor, Faith Farr, faith@farrpublications.com for publication in the winter issue. [ed.]

Twin Cities Organizations

Allegro Sinfonia: William Stuber, cond.; reh. Sundays 3–5:30 P.M., Wayzata Community Church, 125 E. Wayzata Blvd, Wayzata; semi-pro level, highly advanced musicians; placement by recommendation, conductor's discretion; 952-258-0394; info@allegronotes.org; www.allegronotes.org

Bloomington Symphony Orchestra: Conductor search ongoing; reh. Sundays 7–9:30 P.M.; placement by audition and recruitment; personnel must contribute financially to the organization; 952-563-8575; info@bloomingtonsymphony.org; perform@bloomingtonsymphony.org; www.bloomingtonsymphony.org

Century Chamber Orchestra: Elliot Wilcox, cond.; reh. Mondays 7:30–9:20 P.M., Century College, 3300 Century Ave., White Bear Lake; intermediate to advanced musicians; open to college students and other adult players for credit or non-credit; call cond. to audition: 651-779-3214; elliott.wilcox@century.edu

Chapel Strings: string orchestra with piano and flute; reh. Monday nights Sept. to May; House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St Paul; 651-222-6023

Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis: Cary John Franklin, cond.; reh. Tuesdays 7:00–9:30 P.M., Augsburg College, 2211 Riverside in Minneapolis; advanced community/semi-pro orchestra; may attend rehearsals with expectation of audition; yearly dues \$120; 612-33-CIVIC (332-4842); manager@civicorchestrampls.org; www.civicorchestrampls.org

Dakota Valley Symphony: Steven J. Ramsey, cond.; reh. Thursdays 7:30 P.M., Metcalf Junior High School, 1200 Lake Alimagnet Parkway, Burnsville (sw corner Cedar/Hwy 77 and Diffley); audition as needed, college-level experience desired; 651-423-3980; abraham@mail.minn.net; www.dakotavalleysymphony.org

Golden Valley Orchestra: Fred Bretschger, cond.; reh. Mondays 7–9:30 P.M., Brookview Community Center, 200 Brookview Parkway, Golden Valley; no formal auditions; call Margaret Knowlton 763-541-9251; www.goldenvalleyorchestra.org

Health Sciences Orchestra: James

Riccardo, cond.; Boynton Health Services, 410 Church St. SE, Minneapolis; volunteer group; 612-722-8474; hso@umn.edu; www.ahc.umn.edu/orchestra

Kenwood Chamber Orchestra: Ken Freed cond.; reh. Mondays 6:45–8:45 P.M., Ramsey International Fine Arts Elementary School, 1 W 49th St., Minneapolis; informal auditions, intermediate to advanced; call Ann Sheeney 612-377-6348

Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra: Jeffrey Stirling, cond.; reh. Thursdays 7:00–9:30 P.M., Southwest High School band room, 4717 W. 47th St., Minneapolis; adult orchestra, no audition, dues \$45 per semester; www.lhco.org

Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra: William Schrickel, cond.; reh. Tuesdays 7:00–9:30 P.M., Central Lutheran Church, 333 S. 12th St., Minneapolis; semi-pro orchestra; call Kate Saumur 651-488-9356 for auditions; general manager Katherine Eklund 651-645-4283; info@msoa.net; www.msoa.net

Minnesota Philharmonic Orchestra: Joseph Schlefke, cond.; reh. 7–9:15 Sept.–June, Washburn HS; GLBT orchestra, open to all; must speak to personnel mgr. Brian Hadley 612-823-8332 or Mus. Dir.; audition likely; member dues \$120; 612-656-5676; info@mnphil.org; www.mnphil.org

Mnnetonka Civic Orchestra: Steve Roemer, cond.; reh. Mondays 7:30–9:30 P.M., Arts Center, Mnnetonka High School, 18285 Highway 7, Mnnetonka; no audition required; 952-401-5954; mamoffice@musicassociation.org; www.musicassociation.org

Mnnetonka Symphony Orchestra: Roger Hoel, cond.; reh. Sundays 7:30–9:30 P.M., Arts Center, Mnnetonka High School, 18285 Highway 7, Mnnetonka; advanced to semi-professional; 952-401-5954; mamoffice@musicassociation.org; www.musicassociation.org

Mississippi Valley Chamber Orchestra: Ed Schlueter, cond.; reh. Tuesdays 7:00–9:30 P.M., Sibley High School, 1897 Delaware Ave., W. St. Paul; advanced community adult orchestra; placement and audition depend on experience and instrument, always looking for strings; [www.studiobridge.com/templates/10/default.](http://www.studiobridge.com/templates/10/default.asp?SiteKey=1683087744)

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Northeast Orchestra: Jeffrey Stirling, cond.; reh. Fridays, 9:30–11:30 A.M., St. Williams Church, Fridley (map on web-site); no audition, adult orchestra; call Agnes Wolf 763-571-4069, Betty or Robert Scott 763-571-3063 or Paul Tidemann 651-224-3799; www.neorch.org

Roseville String Ensemble: Guest conductors, no full-time dir.; reh. schedule posted on website; amateur players, intermediate level to advanced; call Linda Owen 651-483-5094; info@rosevillestrings.org; www.rosevillestrings.org

St. Anthony Civic Orchestra: Carol Jensen, cond. 612-788-3516; reh. Thursdays 7:15–9:30 P.M., St. Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Rd. NE, St. Anthony; no audition; cmjota@msn.com

St. Paul Civic Symphony: Edouard Forner, cond.; reh. Mondays 7:30–10:00 P.M., Macalester College, Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul; adult orchestra, annual dues required; 651-696-6189; www.stpaulcivicsymphony.org

St. Paul Jewish Community Center Symphony Orchestra: Joseph Schlefke, cond.; “Join the best community orchestra in the Twin Cities.” Reh. Wednesdays 7:30–10 P.M.; dues: member \$15/ non-Member \$50; make audition appt at 651-698-0751; www.stpauljcc.org/jewisharts.html

Unitarian Church Orchestra: Gabriela Diaz-Alatrisme, cond.; 612-377-6608 x106; reh. Sundays 7:00–9:00 P.M. (Fall), 12:15–2:45 P.M.; (Winter/Spring), First Unitarian Society, 900 Mt Curve Ave., Minneapolis; advanced community orchestra

Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra: Gerrit Willem Lamain, cond.; reh. Sat. 9:00 A.M. to noon, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in West St. Paul; adult orchestra, just show up! Annual fee \$15; 651-452-8143; membership@w-c-o.org; www.w-c-o.org

3M Club Symphony Orchestra: Dr. Elizabeth Prielozny Barnes, cond.; reh. Tuesdays 6–8, Sept.–June, Maplewood Community Center; adult orchestra, always room for non-3M string players; 651-869-0186; <http://www.schubert.org/ClassicalDirectory.html#TZ>

Out-State Organizations

Austin Symphony Orchestra: 507-433-5647; (web under construction) www.flcal.org/AustinSymphony.html

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra: 218-751-0665; www.bemidjisymphony.org

Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra: 507-654-8877; web under construction www.cvro.org; use www.northfielddartsguild.org/index.php?content=home

Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra: 218-733-7579; www.dssso.com

Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra: 218-233-8397; www.fmsymphony.org

Heartland Symphony Orchestra,

Brainerd/Little Falls: 800-826-1997; www.exploreminnesota.com/attractions/7538.html

Itasca Symphony Orchestra: 218-327-1651; see Itasca Orchestral Society www.exploreminnesota.com/attractions/8640.html

Lake Superior Chamber Orchestra: 218-525-4076; www.lakesuperiorchamberorchestra.org

Mankato Symphony Orchestra: 507-625-8880; mso@hickorytech.net; www.symphony.mankato.com

Rochester Orchestra and Chorale: 507-28-MUSIC (286-8742); 877-28-MUSIC (286-8742); info@rochestersymphony.org; www.roandc.org

St. Cloud Symphony: 320-257-3114;

stcloudsymphony@paramountarts.org; www.stcloudsymphony.com

St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra: Dr. Kristin Tjornehoj, cond.; UW-RF students and greater St. Croix Valley community; reh. Mondays 7:00–9:00 P.M.; 715-425-3940; kristin.tjornehoj@uwrf.edu

Willmar Area Community Orchestra: call Robert Whitney 320-214-9433; see website (all the way to the bottom) www.seeyouinwillmar.com/entertainment_attractions.asp

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