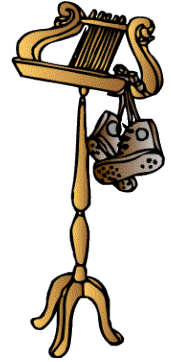


# Pocono Youth Orchestra

## Frequently Asked Questions



### 1. Contact Information

a. Address:



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P.O. Box 1101  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
[music@pocono-youth-orchestra.org](mailto:music@pocono-youth-orchestra.org)



b. Telephone #'s:

- i. Directors: Anthony & Audrey Simons: 610-965-0268; [asimons94@aol.com](mailto:asimons94@aol.com)
- ii. Board President Jerry Geiger: (570) 242-6116; [ggeiger@newmanwilliams.com](mailto:ggeiger@newmanwilliams.com)

c. Website: [www.pocono-youth-orchestra.org](http://www.pocono-youth-orchestra.org)



The site includes:

- Complete schedules
- Downloadable forms
- Concert Photos
- Newsletters
- Brochures
- Rosters
- Videos



d. Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/15dpMob>

### 2. Tuition

a. Cost



Tuition is \$200/year, or \$175/year if paid by September 30, 2015 (early bird discount price); \$125/year for each additional family member/sibling who successfully auditions.

b. Students who have not paid tuition or who have not agreed to a payment plan may not perform at the concerts.

c. We want your child to perform with us and will work with you to make that happen. The PYO/PJSO makes no profit but needs to ensure we can cover our costs, which include:

- i. Directors' salaries;
- ii. Sheet music;
- iii. Subsidy for Carnegie Hall Bus Trip;
- iv. Auditorium rental and payment for security and maintenance staff.

- v. Reception at concerts
- vi. Concert programs

### 3. Rehearsals



#### a. Rehearsals are on Mondays at the Stroudsburg Junior High School

- PJSO, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- PYO, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- PYO Strings, 8:30 - 9:00 p.m.

#### b. No rehearsals on:



- October 12, 2015: Columbus Day
- November 23, 2015: Thanksgiving
- November 30, 2015: Thanksgiving
- December 28, 2015: Christmas Vacation
- January 18, 2015: Martin Luther King Day

#### c. Inclement Weather



The Directors will send a “Phonevite” message to your telephone # on file when there are cancellations. This is an automated phone message.

FYI--When the Stroudsburg School District is closed on Mondays due to inclement weather, there are no rehearsals that day.

### 4. Performances (The Winter & Spring concerts are at the Stroudsburg High School Auditorium)



December 6, 2015 at 4 p.m.: PYO Strings at Stroudsmoor Country Inn, Stroudsburg.

December 15: PJSO Strings Christmas String-Along Performance  
Evening time and location TBA

January 23, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.: Winter Concert  
January 24, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.: Winter Concert

June 4, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.: Spring Concert  
June 5, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.: Spring Concert

### 5. Carnegie Hall Bus Trip: March 6, 2016 @ 2 p.m.



New York Youth Symphony Concert at Carnegie Hall, NYC  
Buses leave Stroudsburg Junior HS. Time TBA

Parents & guests are welcome if there is space. Cost for Tickets & Bus TBA. Costs are partially subsidized by the PYO and are affordable. Lunch is on your own in NYC. The bus stops at a Mall food court on the ride home.

## 6. Board Meetings



Board meetings are held at 10 a.m. at the Eastern Monroe Public Library at 1002 N 9th Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360 (intersection of Route 611 & Chipperfield Drive).

Board meeting dates are:

August 29, 2015  
November 7, 2015  
January 9, 2016  
March 19, 2016  
May 7, 2016

We invite all parents and PYO supporters to attend. The meetings typically last 1 to 1 ½ hours. Meetings are on the first floor of the library past the magazine section.

All are welcome to attend without commitment. It is an opportunity to meet your fellow parents, the directors, and hear the latest news. If you would like to be on the Board, we would love to have you participate.

The current board consists of:

Jerry Geiger, President	Jennifer White, Vice-President
Joe A. Snyder, Treasurer	Karen Geiger, Secretary
Jean Boehm	Forrest Cavalier
Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke	Judy Nutaitis
Diane Rostock	Joseph L. Snyder
Marie Snyder	Georgios Stylianides
Karen Stylianides	

## 7. Forms



PDF Forms are on the website, including:

Concert program print advertisement order  
Membership application  
Tuition payment  
Parent volunteer  
Pocono Youth Orchestra brochure  
Pocono Youth Orchestra supporter  
Student biography

## 8. Support



**Advertise** your business in our Concert programs. Advertising is inexpensive. Rates are on our website. We will be adding names of supporters to our website and you will be contributing to a great cause.

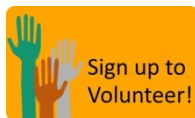
**Donate** to the PYO and get your name listed in the programs.



Make **in kind** donations for the reception. We typically sell water and flowers at the concerts and offer food during the receptions. We appreciate donations of these items, which help us reduce our costs. Email us if you are able to help.



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**Volunteers** are needed for:

Hall Monitor. A sign-up sheet is in the Jr. High lobby every Monday night.  
Hall monitors are stationed at a desk at the front door to monitor persons entering the building

Setup and breakdown for concerts.

Flower table, programs, reception help at concerts.



Please save and turn in **Weis Markets register tapes** at rehearsals. The orchestras earn 1% on all register receipts



“**Boosters**” for concert program will be available at low cost.

A Booster is like a “tweet” telling your young musician how proud you are with her accomplishments.



The PYO publishes two **newsletters** per year, which we send to PYO friends, alumni, supporters, and sponsors. If you know someone who would like to be on our mailing list, email us with contact information and we will send them a copy. If you are a parent or friend of an alumnus, please update us about your adventures so we can keep fellow

alumni updated.

## 9. Scholarships



The PYO is pleased to be able to offer scholarships to our deserving musicians, made possible by generous benefactors of the Orchestras.

- The **Suzanne E. Anderson Memorial Scholarship** is a \$500 scholarship to assist a deserving student in furthering his or her musical education. There is no requirement that the award recipient plan to major or minor in music in College. Money is awarded to pursue musical interests.
- The **PYO Excellency Award** is a \$500 award given annually to a senior PYO musician at the Spring Concerts.

To be eligible, a scholarship applicant must meet the following criteria:

- (a) A GPA of 3.85 or above;
  - (b) A PYO member for at least one year with consistent attendance at orchestra practices;
  - (c) Demonstration of leadership, honesty and respect; and
  - (d) Performed at least 100 hours of community service since the freshman year of high school.
- **Outstanding Ensemble Player Award:** this is a scholarship awarded by a musician who wishes to remain anonymous. It is typically awarded at both the Winter and Spring Concerts.

## 10. Auditions for Next Year

Auditions for the 2016-17 season for the PYO & PJSO will be held on Monday, June 6, 2016 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Auditions last 10 minutes, and they take place at Stroudsburg Jr. High School. Auditions are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. You will be notified with your exact audition time once your application is reviewed.

## 11. Did you know?



Concert photos are typically uploaded to our website and to our Facebook site. Download great photos of your kids for free.

Photographs of student musicians are taken before the Winter Concerts and are available for purchase.

Flowers are sold before the concerts at a nominal price to congratulate student musicians on a job well done.

The PYO was formed in 1987 and is starting its 28<sup>th</sup> season.