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Kingston Youth Orchestra



Come and join our vibrant community of young musicians which includes **two string ensembles** and a **full youth orchestra**.

The Kingston Youth Orchestra was established in 1968 by then local violinist Edouard Bartlett and continues as Eastern Ontario's premier instrumental ensemble for young musicians.

“Young string players will learn to play orchestral music in a supportive and nurturing environment under the leadership of Kingston Symphony violinist Danielle Lennon.”

“The Kingston Youth Orchestra is directed by award-winning conductor and music educator Hugh Johnston.”

The Kingston Youth Orchestra is under the umbrella of the Kingston Symphony Association which, besides us, includes a choir, a community string orchestra, and its flagship ensemble the Kingston Symphony, an outstanding professional orchestra. The Kingston Youth Orchestra depends on these resources for leadership and professional development. The Kingston Youth Orchestra includes the following three ensembles.

Kingston A-Strings

The Kingston A-Strings is a beginner string ensemble working on unison playing in a relaxed comfortable atmosphere (younger string players at book 1 to early book 2 level).

Kingston Youth Strings

The Kingston Youth Strings is an intermediate string ensemble performing exciting music of various genres leading to an introduction to orchestral technique and style. Students in this ensemble generally advance to the youth orchestra.

Kingston Youth Orchestra

The Kingston Youth Orchestra is the only full orchestra (strings, winds, brass, and percussion) for teens in the Kingston area. The Kingston Youth Orchestra performs a wide range of music at an intermediate/advanced level, from masterworks to pops, in a regular concert series as well as festivals and outreach concerts. The Kingston Youth Orchestra draws its membership from our own string preparatory groups as well as many other local string programs and private teachers in Kingston and the area. Most of our wind, brass, and percussion players come from Kingston area high schools and private teachers.

Rehearsals

Tuesdays at Christ Church Catarauqui Church Hall, 990 Sydenham Road.

Kingston A-Strings - 5 p.m. - 5:35 p.m.

Kingston Youth Strings - 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Kingston Youth Orchestra - 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

(Times could be subject to minor changes.)

Auditions/Application

In-person auditions are normally held in the second week of September or by appointment. Kingston Youth Orchestra auditions for new members can also be done by video submission or phone interview in June or July. Returning Kingston Youth Orchestra members do not need to audition unless it is for a principal position. Kingston A-Strings and Kingston Youth Strings will have an application process with an informal placement audition in September. Watch our website or contact us for further information.

Instrumentation

Kingston A-Strings and Kingston Youth Strings instruments include violin, viola, cello, and double bass.

Kingston Youth Orchestra instruments include flute/piccolo, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, French horn, trumpet, trombone, bass trombone, tuba, percussion, violin, viola, cello, and double bass.

Openings for the upcoming season will exist in all sections. Interested musicians who would like to audition or get more information should contact the General Manager, Susan Johnston at 613-549-2225 or susjohnston@gmail.com.

Our Team Leaders

Hugh Johnston, Music Director, Conductor of Kingston Youth Orchestra

Danielle Lennon, Conductor of Kingston A-Strings and Kingston Youth Strings

Other coaches and workshop leaders include: Katya Poplyansky, Andrew Dicker, Daphne Williams, strings; Anne Palmer, Carina Canonico, David Gazaille, woodwinds; Mike Verner, brass as well as other Kingston Symphony musicians.

For more information, please visit

www.kingstonsymphony.ca

Membership Fees

(September to May)

Kingston A-Strings	\$125
Kingston Youth Strings	\$175
Kingston Youth Orchestra	\$250