



2020 VANGUARD
YOUTH PERCUSSION
ENSEMBLE
AUDITION PACKET

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Thank you for your interest in joining the 2020 Vanguard Youth Percussion Ensemble!

The **Vanguard Youth Percussion Ensemble (YPE)** is a premier performing arts ensemble aimed at giving participants the opportunity to perform unique repertoire and arrangements of various genres of music at the highest level possible. YPE specializes in music composed for percussion instruments and is open to anyone between the age of 13-21 by audition. Participants will attend master classes from professionals throughout the season, continue to develop their individual and ensemble musicianship, and perform a variety of music.

AUDITION PROCESS:

1. Sign up for your preferred audition date and time using this Google Form: <http://bit.ly/3aSO24K>
2. You will be notified of your audition date and time approximately one week prior to the audition.
3. Start practicing! The following components are required when you show up for your audition time slot:

PREPARED PIECE/SCALES: All auditionees should prepare the snare drum etude and keyboard scales provided in this packet. Additional 4 mallet and/or timpani pieces are optional, but encouraged to showcase your talents!

SIGHT READING: All auditionees will be expected to sight-read a short excerpt and accurately demonstrate recognition of key/time signatures, rhythm, and accidentals.

INTERVIEW: All auditionees will be asked to share their previous musical experience and talk about their goals within the performing arts.

4. A non-refundable \$5 audition fee is required for all new and returning members that is to be paid no later than the date of the audition. You can pay with cash or make checks out to "Vanguard Music and Performing Arts". Please include "[MUSICIAN'S NAME] YPE REGISTRATION FEE" in the memo section.
5. You should arrive at least 20 minutes before your scheduled audition time to check-in and warm up. Please bring your own mallets and a copy of the audition materials. Percussion instruments, a warm up room, and a music stand will be provided!

REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

All Youth Percussion Ensemble rehearsals will be held at the Vanguard Hall (1795 Space Park Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95054) unless otherwise noted. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of each rehearsal and make sure to bring all necessary materials.

Sunday, March 1st — YPE Auditions (10:00am - 2:00pm)

Sunday, March 15th — Rehearsal (2:30pm - 6:00pm)

Sunday, March 22nd — Rehearsal (2:30pm - 6:00pm)

Sunday, March 29th — Rehearsal (2:30pm - 6:00pm) ****Check for CCGC conflicts!*

Sunday, April 5th — Rehearsal (2:30pm - 6:00pm)

Saturday, April 11th — Rehearsal (2:30pm - 6:00pm) ****Check for NCPA conflicts!*

Sunday, April 19th — Rehearsal (2:30pm - 6:00pm)

Sunday, April 26th — Rehearsal (2:30pm - 6:00pm)

Sunday, May 3rd — Dress Rehearsal (2:30pm - 6:00pm) ****Mandatory!*

Sunday, May 10th — Youth Ensembles Concert (Location & Time TBA) ****Mandatory!*

EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION - Vanguard YPE Membership Fees for the 2020 season are \$75. This does NOT include your audition fee and is expected to be paid by **Sunday, April 5th, 2020**. Payments can be made online through a member's MySCV account or at any rehearsal by cash, check, or money order.

ATTENDANCE - Those offered a membership are required to attend rehearsals regularly. Members may miss no more than 3 rehearsals per season due to illness, emergency, or special circumstances (that must be pre-arranged with their conductor). More than three unexcused absences per season may endanger the musicians' membership. Absence from a concert or dress rehearsal may result in dismissal or a fee for the full cost of hiring a professional replacement, which can run upwards of \$450.

SCHOOL COMMITMENTS - It is important to keep in mind that our program is a *SUPPLEMENT* and not a *SUBSTITUTE* to school music programs. While we expect our members to practice and come prepared to every YPE rehearsal, we also expect and encourage them to participate in their school music programs. If there is a conflict with a prior school commitment, please contact your ensemble conductor ASAP.

REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE - Members are required to bring their music, folder (provided), and a pencil for note taking to each rehearsal. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of rehearsal to warm-up and get situated. Late arrivals may be asked to sit out until the start of the next piece to avoid disrupting rehearsal. No food or drinks (except water) are allowed in ANY of the rehearsal rooms. Musicians will not do homework, talk/disrupt rehearsal, or leave the rehearsal site during rehearsal hours.

VMAPA MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES:

Here at Vanguard Music and Performing Arts, we envision a world in which everyone has access to valuable life-transforming experiences through performing arts. We aim to accomplish this through our organization's Mission: *To inspire communities and enrich lives by increasing opportunities for participation, education, and excellence in the performing arts.*

We believe in providing you with the absolute best "Vanguard Experience" across all programs in our organization. This means that we will operate our business and programs while teaching and honoring these core values: Integrity, Passion, Future-Focused, Personal Responsibility, Standard of Excellence, Respect, and Communication.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you have any questions, please reach out to YPE staff at the phone numbers or emails listed below. VMAPA Administration will communicate officially with you through these channels, **NOT through social media!**

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Rhythm Etude

Snare Drum 2/4 $\text{♩} = 108$

f *mf*

8 S. D. *p* *mf*

15 S. D. *f* *mp*

23 S. D. *f* *mf* *f*

30 S. D. *p*

Scales

C Major

Marimba

Musical notation for the C Major scale on Marimba. The staff is in 4/4 time and treble clef. The scale is written as a sequence of eighth notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The piece ends with a whole note C4 and a double bar line.

4 A Major

Mar.

Musical notation for the A Major scale on Marimba. The staff is in 4/4 time and treble clef. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The scale is written as a sequence of eighth notes: A4, B4, C#5, D5, E5, F#5, G#5, A5, G#5, F#5, E5, D5, C#5, B4, A4. The piece ends with a whole note A4 and a double bar line.

7 B Major

Mar.

Musical notation for the B Major scale on Marimba. The staff is in 4/4 time and treble clef. The key signature has four sharps (F#, C#, G#, D#). The scale is written as a sequence of eighth notes: B4, C#5, D5, E5, F#5, G#5, A5, B5, A5, G#5, F#5, E5, D5, C#5, B4. The piece ends with a whole note B4 and a double bar line.

10 Eb Major

Mar.

Musical notation for the Eb Major scale on Marimba. The staff is in 4/4 time and treble clef. The key signature has three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab). The scale is written as a sequence of eighth notes: Eb4, F4, G4, Ab5, Bb5, C6, D6, Eb6, D6, C6, Bb5, Ab5, G4, F4, Eb4. The piece ends with a whole note Eb4 and a double bar line.

13 Db Major

Mar.

Musical notation for the Db Major scale on Marimba. The staff is in 4/4 time and treble clef. The key signature has four flats (Bb, Eb, Ab, Db). The scale is written as a sequence of eighth notes: Db4, Eb4, F4, G4, Ab5, Bb5, C6, Db6, C6, Bb5, Ab5, G4, F4, Eb4, Db4. The piece ends with a whole note Db4 and a double bar line.