

## Youth Orchestra Audition Information

- Time:** Please refer to email confirmation
- Place:** Trinity Community Church, 234 Walpole Street, Norwood, MA 02062 (please park in the lot and enter from parking lot side entrance – signs will be posted to direct you)
- Scales:** Violin – G Major, two octaves, any bowing, in quarter notes at mm 88 or faster  
Viola & Cello – C Major, two octaves, as above  
Bass – G Major AND C Major, one octave, as above
- Scales must be memorized
- Solo:** 2 short solo selections (about one minute each); one slow/lyrical, one fast/technical – either 2 separate pieces, or 2 sections from the same piece
- Sight-reading:** You will be given a short excerpt to play at your audition – it will be representative of the level of music we will be preparing in our rehearsals

### A few things to remember:

- Please enter and leave the audition area quietly so as not to disturb students' auditions. There will be parent volunteers on hand to assist and guide you.
- Your audition will last approximately 10 minutes.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes in advance, in order to unpack, tune, and warm up prior to starting your audition on time. Each audition must begin and end promptly.
- Included in your confirmation email are the forms you will need to complete and bring to your audition. Extras will be on hand on the 11th, but it is recommended that you fill them out in advance in order to keep the morning running smoothly.
- You should prepare your solo selections as written above. However, the director may stop you part way through.
- Prepare something that you are comfortable playing, which shows your abilities. Your selections should be not too easy, but not too challenging for you to play them accurately.
- When sight-reading, you will be given a short amount of time (about 20 seconds) to look over the piece – without playing – before you are asked to play.
- You may be recorded, so that the director can further review auditions in a less time-restrictive environment. But don't let that make you nervous!