



MUSIC *for* CANBERRA

CANBERRA YOUTH ORCHESTRA 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS



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Overview

Music for Canberra is offering four half scholarships in 2022 to encourage students who play sought after instruments to be members of the Canberra Youth Orchestra. Funding for these scholarships is generously provided by members of our community who choose to direct their donations to Music for Canberra towards the Canberra Youth Orchestra and the James McCusker Orchestra.

In 2022, scholarships will be available to players of the following instruments:

- French Horn
- Viola
- Double Bass
- Percussion

Allocation of scholarships will be determined by an audition and interview held on **Monday 24 January 2022** at the Ainslie Arts Centre in Braddon. The audition panel will be comprised of the CYO conductor Louis Sharpe and one other professional musician.

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Eligibility

- Applicants must meet the level of standard AMEB (or equivalent) as follows: Strings – Grade 7+, Brass & Percussion – Grade 6+.
- Applicants must be enrolled in private lessons on their chosen instrument.
- Applicants must live in the ACT or wider region, or be able to travel to Canberra for regular Saturday rehearsals and weekend concerts.
- Applicants must be able to commit to the entire 2022 season.

Selection Criteria

Musicians will be selected based on:

- Performance at audition and during interview; and
- Assessment of a personal statement outlining why they would benefit from receiving a scholarship in 2022 included in the online application form (see below, “How to Apply”).

Benefits

Scholarships are for one year and cover half the regular tuition fees to be a member of the CYO. Each scholarship in 2022 is valued at \$560.00.

Cessation of Scholarship

The scholarship ceases or should be surrendered if:

- (a) The student no longer meets the eligibility criteria;
- (b) If the student fails to enrol; or

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(c) The student breaches the MfC Code of Conduct.

Other Terms and Conditions

Music for Canberra reserves the right to offer alternative scholarships of similar or greater value. Scholarships are not transferrable or exchangeable and cannot be taken as cash. The decision of the selection panel shall be final and no correspondence or discussion shall be entered into.

How to Apply

To be considered for a scholarship, students must **(1)** complete and submit an online application form at <https://musicforcanberra.org.au/canberra-youth-orchestra-scholarships-2022/> and **(2)** audition for the CYO on the relevant instrument. To register for an audition with CYO, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cyo-jmo-auditions-2022-final-round-tickets-228601712877>. Please note that applications for auditions close on 7 January 2022.

Applicants for CYO scholarships will be contacted directly with the outcome of their application by 27 January 2022.

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About the Canberra Youth Orchestra

The Canberra Youth Orchestra is the premier youth symphony orchestra in the ACT and wider region, bringing together the finest young musicians to deliver high-quality concerts.

The CYO performs a diverse range of repertoire and prides itself on regularly performing Australian premieres. The orchestra presents four concerts per year at a range of prestigious venues in and around Canberra, including community events and festivals.

Louis Sharpe – Conductor

Louis Sharpe is a percussionist with the Canberra Symphony Orchestra, and has also assisted at the Australian World Orchestra whilst undertaking his Masters in Orchestral Conducting at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Since moving to Canberra in 2018, he has been welcomed into a number of local arts organisations to develop the wonderful cultural landscape of the city. Louis is passionate about orchestral education. He joined the Canberra Youth Orchestra in 2021, having formerly led the James McCusker Orchestra.

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