

Audition information

for Quincy Area Youth Orchestra 2019-20

Scales (for winds, brass and strings only)

Perform the listed scales with good tone quality, consistent rhythm, and accurate intonation throughout. Play scale with articulated eighth notes at approximately quarter note equals 60 beats per minute.

- **Strings:** Major scales up to four sharps and flats – 2 octaves minimum, 3 octaves preferred.
 - Violins: 3 octave G scale required
 - Violas/cellos: 3 octave C scale required
 - No chromatic scale.
- **Woodwinds and Brass:** Major scales up to four sharps and flats (2 octaves), plus chromatic scale (from lowest comfortable note to highest comfortable note).
- **Percussion:** No scale audition

Excerpts (for winds, brass and strings only)

Download and perform the excerpts for your instrument found on the QAYO webpage. Prepare the excerpt at your best performance tempo with detailed attention given to style, articulation, and dynamics. Recordings are an excellent resource for this. Here is the link to this piece – [Festive Overture by Shostakovich](#). *Don't stress about the tempo – do it as close as you can, played evenly and as accurate as possible. Tempo is secondary.

Solo

Perform approximately 2-3 minutes of any section of a prepared solo of your choice that best demonstrates your technical and musical abilities, as well as your ability to prepare music. This should be a studied, practiced piece and not a work in progress.

Percussion (bring your sticks – instruments provided)

1. Perform solo for snare drum (solo and ensemble, district or All-State material is best to use)
2. Perform a solo on a mallet instrument (if able)
3. Perform a solo on timpani (school ensemble music, solo/ensemble, district or All-State material is best to use)

HORN

19/20 Excerpts

SHOSTAKOVICH *Festive Overture*; [13] – [14]

The image shows a musical score for a Horn player, consisting of four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a melodic line with eighth notes and rests, marked with a *cresc.* (crescendo) instruction. A bracketed box labeled '13' indicates the start of a *sole* (solo) section, which begins with a *ff espr.* (fortissimo, esprimo) marking. The second and third staves provide harmonic accompaniment with sustained notes and slurs. The fourth staff continues the melodic line, marked with a *ff* (fortissimo) instruction, and ends with a bracketed box labeled '14' and a fermata over an eighth note.