



Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra's

Youth Orchestra & String Ensemble



ECSYO & SE: A platform where emerging musicians ignite their passion and elevate their artistry beyond traditional classroom settings.



[ECSYO & SE Information Link](#)



About the ECSYO & SE

The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Youth Orchestra (ECSYO) and String Ensemble (SE) are education programs of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra that provide young musicians from around the region the opportunity to perform challenging, high quality compositions in a variety of styles. First conceived and developed by Harriet Friedstein and Victor Norman in 1966, this program encourages young musicians to learn not just the notes of the score, but also about the composers, history, and meaning behind the music.

Join Us!

The two ensembles – ECSYO and SE – offer a unique musical experience to young musicians in grades 4 to 12 of different skill levels.

Our Youth Orchestra brings musicians from local school orchestra and band programs together into a traditional orchestra format. Typically students are in grades 8-12, and have played their instrument for 3-5 years.

We also offer a Strings Ensemble group for grades 4-8 for students who are looking to enhance their string learning beyond the classroom!





Membership Perks:

Tuition includes the following:

Flexible enrollment options~ Full Year or Single Semester

Flexible Payment Options~ Credit Cards, Checks, Cash are all accepted.

Your choice of 4 Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra concert tickets per semester enrolled! A \$250 value per semester or \$500 for a full year! All ECSO concerts are held at the Garde Arts Theater in New London, CT. [Link to ECSO 2024/2025 Concerts](#)

ECSO Behind the Scenes/Meet & Greet with Toshiyuki Shimada!

Master Classes with ECSO musicians!

Community performance opportunities!

Individualized & collaborative musical instruction

Exciting Musical selections that includes student choice!

Solo performance opportunities!

Free end of semester concerts for all to attend and hear the growth and hard work turn into beautiful music!



About the Conductor:

Mrs. Kate Anderson has been a dedicated music educator in both parochial and public schools for the past 22 years. She serves as the principal conductor and music director for both the Eastern Connecticut Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Eastern Connecticut String Ensemble. Currently, she is the music director at Tourtellotte Memorial High School, where she teaches concert band, choir, Modern Music Ensemble, String Ensemble, music therapy, and music technology. Mrs. Anderson has been playing the violin for over thirty years, performing in a wide variety of community events as both a student and a professional. In addition to her expertise in violin, she is proficient in all string instruments, including guitar, as well as in winds, percussion, and voice.



Rehearsal Information:

Join us for our Monday evening rehearsals! The String Ensemble meets from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, providing a wonderful opportunity to refine your skills and enjoy playing with fellow musicians. Following that, the ECSYO rehearses from 7:15 PM to 8:30 PM. We look forward to seeing you there and making beautiful music together!

Student Testimonials

"As a rising senior, this past season has been one of the most memorable out of my many years in ECSYO, from the music created, to the laughter and upbeat atmosphere in each rehearsal. Every Monday, I found myself looking forward to the evening practices, as the consistently supportive attitude shared by the conductor, and the players, would start my week of on an incredibly high note. The repertoire Mrs. Anderson selected ranged in style and genre, with each piece possessing a unique challenge that allowed us to grow in skills both on the individual, and interpersonal level. Many of these pieces were familiar in a modern sense (ex. Music from Stranger Things), and thus evoked great enthusiasm from the orchestra's players when practicing and performing. Each individual played an important role in making the music come to life, and they were absolutely wonderful to perform with! :)"
~ Learra R.

OPEN HOUSE

All interested families are invited to join us at our Open House September 9, 2024 beginning at 6pm
Northeast Academy Arts Magnet School,
located at 115 Oslo Street Mystic, CT 06355.

Reach out with ANY questions to Mrs. Kate Anderson:
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