



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Aotea Youth Symphony is a community orchestra that offers children and young adults the unique experience and fun of performing in an ensemble setting. The Aotea Youth Symphony prides itself on providing a friendly and supportive environment where young musicians can learn and grow.

The AYS consists of two orchestras - the Symphony and the Sinfonietta. Both orchestras provide the discipline and experience of ensemble playing in a fun and social environment.

Key facts about the Aotea Youth Symphony

General Information

- The Symphony is for young musicians aged between 12 and their early-twenties.
- The Symphony orchestra accepts musicians who play at a Grade 5 level or above.
- Practice takes place once a week on Tuesday evenings at the Selwyn Village Theatre, in Point Chevalier, Auckland.

Auditions

- We accept applications to join us all year round.
- If you would like to get your child involved in the AYS, please fill out our online form at www.aotea.org.nz/join-us.html.
- We will contact you to arrange an audition.

Performance opportunities

- We perform in various locations around Auckland approximately five times in a year (and are always looking for further opportunities to perform).
- Major performances include a St Matthews' in the City concert, an annual Christmas concert and concerts at the Selwyn Village.

- If you are interested in checking out some of our past performances, please take a look at our [YouTube](#) channel, 'AoteaYS'
- We also tour frequently. In previous years, we have toured Japan, Germany, Australia and Tahiti.

Key facts about the Sinfonietta

General Information

- The Sinfonietta provides basics in ensemble playing.
- The Sinfonietta is for younger musicians aged between nine and 13.
- The Sinfonietta accepts musicians who play at a Grade 3 level or above.

Auditions

- Applications to join the Sinfonietta are open throughout the year.
- If you would like for your child to play in the Sinfonietta, please fill in our online form.
- You will be notified by us if successful.

Performance Opportunities

- The Sinfonietta performs roughly three concerts a year.

Membership Fees

There is an annual membership fee of \$180.00 for both the Symphony and the Sinfonietta. Special rates are available for families with more than one child in the AYS.

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