



**Where Music Making Becomes A Team Sport**

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### How does it work?

There are 3 orchestra courses to cater for different levels and standards of the participants' capability on their instruments.

The Symphony Factory exclusively caters for acoustic youth orchestra instruments such as strings; woodwinds including saxophone; brass and percussion. No piano and no guitar. Applicants must bring their own instruments; no instruments are supplied. The applicant must be able to independently make a sound on their instrument and MUST be taking lessons in that instrument.

### When & where does it happen?

- Monday, 1 July – Sunday, 7 July 2024
- Brescia House School Music Institute – 14 Sloane Street, Bryanston, Johannesburg

(During 3-term school's mid-term break overlapping with 4-term school's winter holidays)

### The structure of the courses

#### Junior Youth Orchestra

- Level of playing: Beginners—Grade 2 standard
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, & Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2024: 08h00-12h00 – HALF DAY (only mornings).

#### Intermediate Youth Orchestra

- Level of playing: Grade 3—Grade 5 standard
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, & Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2024: 12h30-16h30 – HALF DAY (only afternoons).

#### Senior Youth Orchestra

- Level of playing: Grade 6—Grade 8 standard
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2024: 08h30-16h30 – FULL DAY (includes lunch).

#### Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2024

- Final Rehearsals for all 3 orchestras and mass item: 07h45-10h00
- CONCERT & Prizegiving: 10h30-12h30



## Fees

### Course fees are inclusive of:

- Snacks and drinks (lunch only for the senior orchestra)
- A branded hoodie
- A branded water bottle
- A file with all necessary sheet music
- Certificate of attendance

### Cost:

- Junior orchestra (half day): R 2500 includes snacks & drinks, no lunch.
- Intermediate orchestra (half day): R 2750 includes snacks & drinks, no lunch.
- Senior orchestra (full day): R 3500 includes snacks, drinks, and lunch.

## Rules, terms, and conditions

- 1) String Along Music School does not provide accommodation or transport for the duration of the course. Parents/guardians are responsible for own accommodation and transport to and from Brescia House School.
- 2) Brescia House School provides the venue with terms and conditions to String Along Music School. Participants are therefore expected to respect the premises and Brescia House School's rules to keep the venues clean and tidy.
- 3) As the courses takes place at a school and children of school-going age will attend the courses, it is expected of participants to dress properly and appropriately, i.e. full-length trousers & tops while skirts and dresses should not be shorter than knee length. It will also be winter at the time, and participants are encouraged to dress warmly.
- 4) It is expected from all participants to attend ALL rehearsals and participants must be present at the concert & prizegiving on Saturday 6 July. Participants are expected to arrive punctually for their sessions and parents/guardians are asked to fetch children on time.
- 5) Participants are expected to behave respectfully towards the organisers, tutors and the conductor and are encouraged to voice concerns to the organisers as they arrive. Behavioural and disciplinary issues will be dealt with in a respectful way and parents will be informed should such an incident arises. String Along Music School reserves the right to exclude participants from the course in the event that extremely disruptive behaviour causes sessions to not run optimally and impacts on the experience for other participants. As per Brescia House School rules, there will be no vaping, smoking or any other illegal substance use tolerated during the course. Any such violation will result in immediate expulsion from the course.



- 6) It is the duty of the parent/guardian to inform their children of the terms and conditions. Parents/guardians should also make the organisers aware of any medical condition, allergies, and dietary requirements that they should be aware of by declaring it on the sign-up form. There will be a trained and qualified first aider present at all times during the course.
- 7) The full course fee needs to be settled by no later than 31 May 2024 midnight. The course fee may be paid in instalments up until 31 May 2024. String Along Music School will provide an invoice and statement of fees paid once the correct course has been verified according to the applicant's level of playing.
- 8) The following cancellation notification penalties will apply:
- a. Cancellation up & including 31 May - full refund.
  - b. Cancellation up & including 20 June - 75% refund.
  - c. Cancellation from 21 June up & including 1 July - NO refund.
- 9) Parents/guardians need to complete the sign-up form digitally following this QR code or this link:



<https://forms.gle/HzmXz3Dxy87LJmiu7>

- 10) After completing the form digitally, the applicant will have to submit a video of him/herself playing their instrument. This can be done accompanied, or unaccompanied, or with a backtrack. The maximum length of the video is 2 min and should be no bigger in size than 1GB. Videos can be uploaded by scanning the following QR code or this link:



[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AKsPaZZyVeYR-MN1csoKmCxHURsOY-1P?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AKsPaZZyVeYR-MN1csoKmCxHURsOY-1P?usp=drive_link)

- 11) After submitting the form and having uploaded the applicant's video, the parent/guardian will receive a confirmation letter from String Along Music School to confirm which course the applicant can attend. An invoice which will have the banking details for payment, will then be sent to the parent/guardian. We will then be in touch to share the sheet music ahead of time for the applicant to prepare.

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