

2022 PYSO Conducting Workshops & Competition

Conducting Workshops with Maestro Joyce:

We are pleased to relay that we will be holding Conducting Workshops for all interested PYSO members. Workshops will be hosted by PYSO Music Director, and PSO Assistant Conductor, Maestro Jacob Joyce. In the Workshops, Maestro Joyce will introduce students to the fundamentals of conducting. He will focus on baton technique, score reading, interpretation, etiquette, and other important aspects of working with an orchestra. Workshops will be one-hour long and will precede PYSO rehearsals on selected dates (see below).

Students may participate in the Conducting Workshops but are not obligated to participate in the Conducting Competition. However, students interested in participating in the Conducting Competition must be able to attend all three Workshop dates. **If you would like to participate in the Conducting Workshops please email Ms. Goodman at eve@pyso.org by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.**

Conducting Workshop Dates:

Sunday, January 23	4:30-5:30 pm	RR1 at Heinz Hall
Sunday, January 30	4:30-5:30 pm	RR1 at Heinz Hall
Sunday, February 20	4:30-5:30 pm	RR1 at Heinz Hall

Conducting Competition:

For those students interested, Maestro Joyce will host a Conducting Competition on **Sunday, March 13, 2022** in RR1 at Heinz Hall. Students interested in being considered for the Conducting Competition MUST participate in all three scheduled workshop dates listed above.

The Repertoire chosen for the Competition is **Mozart's Overture to The Marriage of Figaro (Le nozze di Figaro)**. Students will be asked to conduct this piece in front of a pianist on March 13th. Maestro Joyce will then select a winner based on the student's written application, progress in workshops, and work in front of the pianist. **The winner will conduct the piece with PYSO at the concert on May 1, 2022 at Heinz Hall.**

NOTE: There will be a separate application for the Competition. A link with the brief application will be emailed to all Workshop participants the week of January 24th.