



Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra
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Montgomery Fellowship Quartet (MFQ)

The Montgomery Fellowship Quartet (MFQ) or Quintet co-sponsored by PYSO and Chamber Music Pittsburgh is a PYSO-run competition for string quartets or quintets (provided a string quartet is part of the group). Group members must all be affiliated with PYSO to be eligible. If you are an individual string player and you are not in a specific quartet you can still register. We will do our best to place you with other PYSO individuals who may have registered.

Please read the information below. If you are interested in auditioning for the Montgomery Fellowship, please email Mr. Powers at bill@pyso.org.

The winning group will receive:

- Free weekly coachings by PSO Principal Second Violin Jeremy Black
- A season subscription to Chamber Music Pittsburgh for each student and one guest
- Select performance opportunities
- Free tuition in Youth Chamber Connection (YC²). YC² is a collaboration between PYSO and TRYPO to facilitate and manage chamber music activities. YC² provides scheduling and management of the MFQ group, as well as enables you to participate in additional enrichment programming and take advantage of performance opportunities offered to YC² groups.

Audition Date/Location: Sunday, October 30, 2022 at Heinz Hall (room TBD)

Audition Time: Auditions begin at 5:00 pm. Depending on how many groups request to audition, the final group should be finished by approximately 6:00pm. Additional details (specific time, warm-up rooms, etc) will be relayed in advance of the audition.

Audition requirements:

- Mr. Black has chosen an excerpt from "Homunculus" by Esa-Pekka Salonen for the audition.
- Parts, score, can be found here [insert link]
- Here is a recording of the work (<https://youtu.be/hLocdFXyjk>)
- In addition, each group should choose one movement from a classical piece in a contrasting style. (NOTE: you only need to play the exposition or theme of the movement if you don't have the full movement prepared.)

Rehearsal space provided by PYSO/YC2 (you are welcome to meet as often as you like on your own time in addition to the times offered below):

The following times will be rehearsal-on-own time unless otherwise stated. RSVP is REQUIRED to Youth Chamber Connection Manager Alyssa Hensley (alyssa@youthchamberconnection.org) for which dates your group would like a room.

- Sunday, October 9–4:00-5:30pm Location TBD
- Sunday, October 16–4:00-5:30pm Location TBD
- Sunday, October 23–4:00-5:30pm Location TBD

Questions? Email Mr. Powers at bill@pyso.org or Ms. Hensley at alyssa@youthchamberconnection.org