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Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra 2023-24 Season

Conducting Workshops & Competition

Conducting Workshops:

PYSO Music Director Jacob Joyce will be hosting Conducting Workshops for all interested PYSO members. 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 dates below). PYSO will provide some conductor batons at the workshops for students to use, but students are welcome to use their own.

In the workshops, students will work on **Mozart's Overture to The Magic Flute** and **Dvorak's Slavonic Dance, Op. 46 No. 1 "Presto"**.

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 Monday, September 25, 2023.

Conducting Workshop Dates:

Sunday, October 1	4:30-5:30 pm	CAPA High School
Sunday, October 15	4:30-5:30 pm	RR1 at Heinz Hall
Sunday, October 29	4:30-5:30 pm	CAPA High School

Conducting Competition:

For those students interested, Maestro Joyce will host a Conducting Competition on **Sunday, November 12, 2023** in RR2 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 **Dvorak's Slavonic Dance, Op. 46 No. 1 "Presto"**. Students will be asked to conduct this piece in front of a pianist on November 12th. 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 Sunday, March 3, 2024 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 October 15th.