



CHARLESTON SYMPHONY
YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

Viola Auditions 2025-2026
Charleston Symphony Youth Strings Requirements

1. **Scale Requirements:** select one major and one minor scale (minimum 2 octaves):

- C Major, G Major, D Major, A Major, F Major
- C melodic minor, G melodic minor, D melodic minor
 - Scales prepared at 72 beats per min:
 - One quarter per note – detached bow



- Four quarters per note – spiccato (middle of bow)



- Pattern: one quarter and two eighths



2. **Solo Excerpt:** please prepare a 3-minute (maximum) excerpt from a solo work of your choice. Must be Suzuki Book 3+ or equivalent.

3. **Orchestral Excerpt:**

- Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 arr. Merle Isaac
 - Pickup to m. 31-57
- Star Spangled Banner beginning to end

***If you plan to audition for both CSYO and CSYS, please prepare the CSYO requirements**

Brandenburg Concerto No. 3

arr. Merle Isaac

Viola

Handwritten musical score for Viola, Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, arr. Merle Isaac. The score consists of six staves of music in G major, 3/4 time. It includes dynamic markings (p, mf, f), articulation (accents, slurs), and performance instructions like "Start" and "Stop". Measure numbers 31, 43, 51, and 57 are circled.

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First performance at the XIII Olympic Winter Games 1980, Lake Placid, New York
by the Crane Chorus and Orchestra, State University College, Potsdam, New York.

The Star Spangled Banner

JOHN STAFFORD SMITH

Arranged by ARTHUR FRACKENPOHL

Viola

Maestoso

f

9

mf

17

25

cresc.

div.

cresc.

ff

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