



CHARLESTON SYMPHONY
YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

Violin 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, B-Flat Major
 - G melodic minor, D melodic minor, A 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 m. 76-100
 - 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

Violin

Handwritten musical score for Violin, Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, arr. Merle Isaac. The score is written on five staves in G major. It includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, dynamics (*mf*, *f*), and performance instructions like "Start" and "STOP". Measure numbers 75, 84, 93, and 100 are circled. Fingerings and bowing techniques are indicated throughout the piece.

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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

Violin I

The musical score for Violin I is written on five staves. It begins with the tempo marking 'Maestoso' and a dynamic marking of 'f'. The score includes various performance instructions such as 'div.' (divisi), 'unis.' (unison), 'mf' (mezzo-forte), 'cresc.' (crescendo), and 'ff' (fortissimo). Measure numbers 9, 17, and 25 are indicated in boxes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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