

About BYO: The **Buckhead Youth Orchestra** (BYO) was established by **Juan R. Ramirez** under the auspices of the **Atlanta Virtuosi Foundation, Inc.**, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1977. The mission is to provide an orchestral experience of pre-college and pre-professional caliber to talented young musicians selected by audition from the metro and outlying areas of Atlanta. This orchestral program is a comprehensive musical curriculum, designed to provide an in-depth traditional, classical, and cultural music experience. Intensive preparation for public performance, development of basic technical skills, and professional coaching sessions are enhanced by local and regional concerto competitions, summer music festivals, and student scholarship opportunities.

Chamber Players: A performance group comprised of all principal chair members of the Chamber Orchestra with special performances throughout the season in addition to the BYO performance schedule.

Chamber Orchestra: An advanced orchestra. Placement of musicians into the orchestras or ensembles is based upon an audition of musical ability. Generalized ages 13 through 17.

String Orchestra: An intermediate string orchestra. Placement of musicians into the orchestras or ensembles is based upon an audition of musical ability. Generalized ages 9 through 12.

Chamber Music Ensemble: Members of the Chamber Orchestra have the opportunity to be put in chamber music ensembles and perform in a chamber music series. Quartets will rehearse outside of BYO and will regularly check in with coaches and the Director during BYO rehearsal times. Placement of musicians into the orchestras or ensembles is based upon an audition of musical ability.

Ensembles Program: A program specially designed for introductory and intermediate developmental music education of stringed instrument studies with concentration on basic techniques of bowing, fingering and playing skills. Placement of musicians into the orchestras or ensembles is based upon an audition of musical ability.

Music for Success (MFS) is a program of the Atlanta Virtuosi Foundation, Inc., inviting young musicians to participate in an intermediate orchestral program. Eligibility of this "adopt-a-school program" requires nomination from your school orchestra teacher & principal. Placement of musicians into the orchestras or ensembles is based upon an audition of musical ability. Young musicians accepted into this program receive a half scholarship for their tuition and dues.

Travel Buckhead Youth Orchestra members, BYO Alumni, and BYO Parents have the opportunity to travel during the concert season and during the summer. Past travel performances include: "A Tribute to Veterans" in Gainesville, GA, the BYO Concerto Competition Winners' Concert and the BYO Regional Young Artists' Concerto Competition Winners' Concert at the Falany Performing Arts Center at Reinhardt College in Waleska, GA. Past summer performances include St. Simons Island, GA.; Jekyll Island, Ga.; Amelia Island, FL.; and international tours to Mexico, France, Switzerland, Italy, and Monaco, performing for the principality of Monaco, and Spain. This season we have been invited to return to France and Monaco.

Schedule: All programs of the BYO rehearse weekly on Saturday with performances scheduled for Sunday afternoons.

String Orchestra & Ensembles Rehearsals	Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
(snacks 1:00-1:15 p.m.)	(snacks 3:30-3:50 p.m.)

Chamber Orchestra sectionals and additional ensemble rehearsals are conducted on Saturdays, however do not meet weekly.

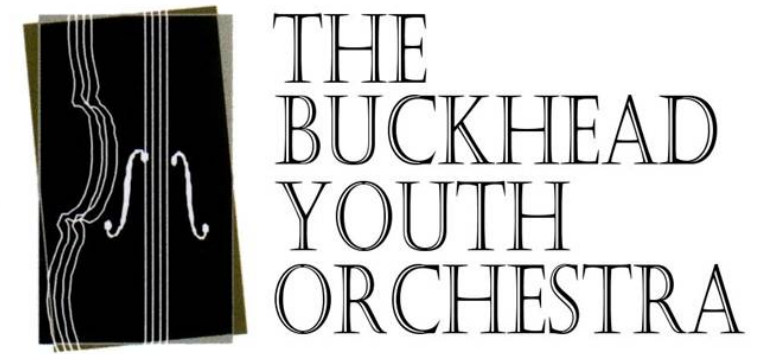
Orchestra Sectionals	Chamber Players Rehearsal
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.
	(lunch 1:30-2:00 p.m.)

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Juan R. Ramírez, Artistic Director & Conductor

2009-2010 Application & Audition Information



B: **Application** Completed applications along with a non-refundable application fee of \$25 (\$35 if applying to both orchestras, \$15 if applying to the MFS program) must be mailed to:

Buckhead Youth Orchestra
c/o The Atlanta Virtuosi Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 77047, Atlanta, GA 30357

An incomplete or illegible application will be rejected. Application must be postmarked no later than **Wednesday, September 2, 2009.**

Please make check or money order payable to:
The Atlanta Virtuosi Foundation, Inc.

B: **Tuition & Fees** The tuition of \$375 must be paid in full by the Parent and Student Orientation date, Saturday, October 3, 2009. If tuition is not paid in full by the due date, the student may not participate in the program. Parent Association dues are \$50 annually per household and a \$15 folder fee per musician is assessed upon Orientation for new members. For returning BYO members this fee is optional. BYO folders may be kept at the conclusion of the season. Credit card payments are accepted online. Checks and cash are payable at orientation.

B: **Audition Dates**

Saturday, September 19, 2009 **Sunday, September 20, 2009**
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The required excerpts for audition will be e-mailed to you upon receipt of your completed application, musical resume, and non-refundable application fee. Excerpts will be made available early July 2009. Notification of audition times will be scheduled and e-mailed out no later than Monday, September 14, 2009.

B: **Eligibility** The BYO is open to all young orchestral musicians: string, wind, brass and pedal harps. All participants must audition for acceptance into the program based on their level of musical ability. Private instruction and participation in your school orchestra program (if applicable) are a prerequisite to acceptance into the BYO program. The BYO endorses all public and private school music programs.

B: **Audition**

1. A concerto movement or solo piece from the standard repertoire.
2. Two required excerpts. n/a for String Orchestra, MFS, and Harp applicants)
3. Two 3 octave scales (1 Major and 1 Melodic Minor) of your choice.
4. Sight reading (2 excerpts for winds & brass only)

B: **Responsibilities**

1. Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory.
2. Concerts and Dress Rehearsals are mandatory; no absences are excused.
3. A maximum of four (4) excused absences are allowed provided written notice is received in advance from a parent or school orchestra teacher (i.e. sickness, family emergency, school orchestra engagements).
4. More than two (2) unexcused absences can result in dismissal.
5. Membership and Dues in the Parent's Association is mandatory for all parents.

B: **Application** Instructions: **Type or print clearly** and complete all information. Incomplete applications may be rejected. Applications must be postmarked no later than **Wednesday, September 2, 2009.** Late applications can be accepted—please call us at 404-246-1393 to set up an audition time. Mail to: **Buckhead Youth Orchestra, c/o The Atlanta Virtuosi Foundation, P.O. Box 77047, Atlanta, GA 30357.** A non-refundable application fee of \$25 and a musical resume must accompany the application. Check or money order should be made payable to: **The Atlanta Virtuosi Foundation.** Online payments and online applications also accepted. **Please note: e-mail will be the primary form of communication.**

2009-2010 Membership Application

INSTRUMENT: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:

**STRING
ORCHESTRA**

**CHAMBER
ORCHESTRA**

**MFS
PROGRAM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____ County: _____

Musician E-Mail (if applicable): _____

Age (in Fall 2009): _____ Grade: _____ Birthday: _____

Father's Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Father's E-Mail (if applicable): _____

Mother's Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Mother's E-Mail (if applicable): _____

Parent Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I understand that a prerequisite for acceptance into the Buckhead Youth Orchestra is private instruction in addition to participation in my school's music program (if applicable).

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

2009-2010 School Orchestra/Band Teacher: _____

School Name & County: _____

Have you been a previous member of BYO? ____ What season(s)? _____

No. of years of private study: ____ Private Teacher: _____

Private Teacher's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Private Teacher's E-Mail (if Applicable): _____

How did you find out about BYO? _____