

### Do I need to purchase concert tickets?

- You WILL NEED tickets for all 3 concerts at the **Mesa Arts Center (MAC)**
- Your MYS member does NOT need a ticket (they will be seated with their ensemble)
- Tickets can be purchased ONLY through the MAC box office
- Box office phone (480) 644-6500 and website [www.MesaArtsCenter.com](http://www.MesaArtsCenter.com)\*
- All MAC tickets are \$9 (\$5 for 10yrs and under, \$15 for mezzanine)
- Tickets will be available for sale starting the week following auditions
- The **Hilton Holiday Pops Concert** on December 11th is free (no ticket required)



Parents may videotape all MYS performances as long as it is not disruptive to those sitting around you. However, tri-pods, mono-pods, etc. are NOT allowed at the Mesa Arts Center per Fire Marshall regulations.

#### Mesa Arts Center (MAC):

1 E. Main Street in downtown Mesa

**Concert dates:** November 13, 2019  
February 26, 2020 & April 29, 2020



#### Mesa Hilton:

1011 W. Holmes, Mesa

**Holiday Pops Concert date:**  
December 11, 2019

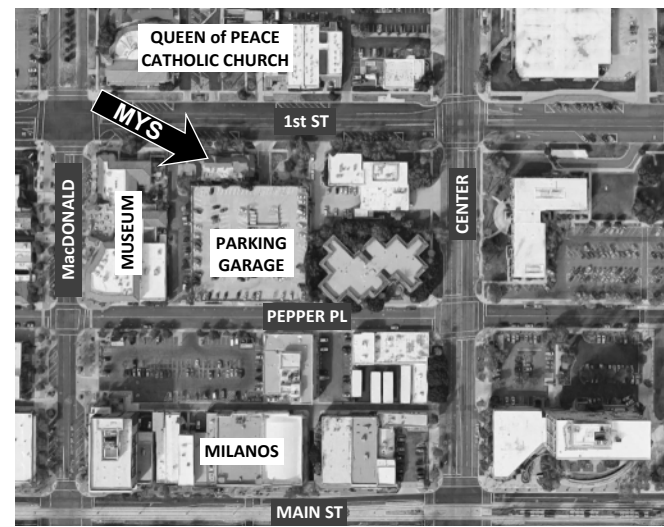


#### MYS mailing address:

PO Box 4, Mesa, AZ 85211-0004

#### MYS office location:

49 W. 1st Street, Mesa, AZ 85201



### What are the MYS office hours ?

- Typical hours are Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:00pm
- On rehearsal/concert days, we leave early
- Call before coming by to be sure someone is in

E-mail us at:  
[office@azmys.org](mailto:office@azmys.org)

Phone:  
(480) 456-9501

MYS website:  
[www.azmys.org](http://www.azmys.org)

# Frequently Asked Questions 2019 - 2020



### How and when will I be notified about the results of the auditions?

- Via email by Monday, the 19th
- Make sure we have your correct email address

If you do not receive your email by the 19th:

- Check the MYS website FIRST - [www.azmys.org](http://www.azmys.org)
- Then you may call our office at (480) 456-9501 or (preferred) email [office@azmys.org](mailto:office@azmys.org)

If accepted into MYS, your email will include:

- The ensemble/division you are in
- Rehearsal time and location, etc

Chair seating or section you are in (1st/2nd violin) is NOT included in the letter. You will find out at the first rehearsal. **Do not call MYS for this information.**

### Will everyone who auditions be accepted?

With so many ensembles available, there is almost always a place for everyone. It can happen, but it is rare that any musician is turned away from our organization.

### What if I haven't been receiving emails?

If you have not received any emails from us recently, verify your email address before you leave

### How often will I receive emails?

You should receive an email EACH WEEK during the season. Let us know immediately if you stop getting emails from us. Put our emails on your "safe" list:

- [office@azmys.org](mailto:office@azmys.org)
- [execdirector@azmys.org](mailto:execdirector@azmys.org)

## NYC CARNEGIE HALL:

Division 1 (and selected Division 2 members) will be traveling to NYC June 6-9, 2020

Plan on attending the parent meeting at the first rehearsal to learn more about our trip to Carnegie!!

## Parent Orientation Meeting:

It will be held during your child's 1st rehearsal  
on September 4th/5th

- Parent required to attend
- At MCC/PAC - 30 minutes after the start of rehearsal
- Meet the MYS staff and Board of Directors
- Learn more about MYS, NYC Carnegie performance, etc

Where and When are rehearsals?

Divisions 1, 2, 3, Debut, Fiddlers, & Quartets:

- Thursdays at Mesa Community College
- Check your email regularly for any changes
- 1st rehearsal - Thursday, Sept 5th

Normal rehearsal times are:

- Debut 4:45pm-6:15pm
- Div 3 5:00pm-6:30pm
- Div 2 & 1 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Fiddlers 7:00pm-8:15pm
- Quartets 7:00pm-8:15pm



Division 4 & Wind Ensemble:

- Wednesdays at Mesa Community College
- Check your email regularly for any changes
- 1st rehearsal - Wednesday, Sept 4th

Normal rehearsal times are:

- Div 4 5:00pm-6:30pm
- Wind Ens 5:00pm-7:00pm

You will receive an information sheet with your acceptance email detailing the procedures to follow for the first rehearsal.

Is Div 1 the highest or lowest level?

- MYS has five different orchestra levels and one Wind Ensemble (Band)
- Division 1 is the most advanced and is our full symphony orchestra (strings & winds)
- Divisions 2, 3, 4, & Debut are string orchestras
- Our most advanced orchestral winds, brass, and percussionists will be placed in Division 1. Those less experienced and non-orchestral instruments will be placed in Wind Ensemble
- Placement is determined strictly by audition (or teacher recommendation for Debut)

Having different levels allows us to perform music that is geared to a variety of playing levels.

What about the MYS Fiddlers?

- Div 1, 2, & 3 members are eligible for Fiddlers
- Informational meeting at 1st rehearsal (Sept 5th) @ MCC during parent meeting
- ALL interested parents & members required to attend
- The Fiddlers fee is an additional \$175



Important parent information:

Parents after 1st rehearsal (9/4 & 9/5)

- check your child’s music folder for important forms

DUE no later than the 2nd rehearsal (9/11 & 9/12):

- Payment in full or payment plan turned in
- Online contract/volunteer form
- Two-page Signature sheet/Parent checklist
- Signed & notarized retreat packet (Div 1 only)

If not completed ON TIME, your member will be placed last chair at the September chair auditions.

\*NO EXCEPTIONS!\*

What if I will be absent from a rehearsal?

\*\* ALWAYS report absences to your Rehearsal Aide, NOT the MYS office \*\*

Each division will have a Rehearsal Aide that will be your main person of contact on rehearsal & concert days/evenings.

- This # will be given out by the 2nd rehearsal
- Put this # in your cell phone

Concert dress requirements:

In order to avoid any confusion, please review MYS requirements for MYS concert dress:

- MYS has a VERY STRICT dress code for concerts - READ ALL REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY
  - NO ONE is allowed on stage at the concert without the required dress!
  - There will be a concert dress check at the rehearsal on October 23rd/24th
- ALL members (including returning members) are REQUIRED to wear their entire concert outfit (this does include socks and belts!). They should plan on wearing the outfit for the entire rehearsal as there is little time and space available to change clothes.

Detailed information can be found on the MYS website - www.azmys.org - in the MYS Member Handbook



Photo/Audio Release and Membership Roster:

From time to time, photos and audio recordings are made during rehearsals and/or concerts for use in brochures, newspapers, MYS website, Facebook, Instagram, etc. Since photos are recorded live during student activities, we can not single out individuals who may not wish to be photographed. Therefore, participation in any/all MYS activities includes a photo and audio release.

- We list all members’ names in our concert programs
- We offer a Members List (including address, phone #, & school) available by 3rd rehearsal, by request

Contact us IMMEDIATELY if:

- you do NOT wish your child’s information to be included on any list shared within MYS
- you do NOT wish your child’s name to be included in our concert programs

\*\* ALL information given to parents MUST BE held completely confidential! \*\*