

Spring 2021 Large Ensemble Audition FAQs for Families



How do I schedule an audition?

New this year, NEC Prep will be reviewing all large ensemble auditions via video. The deadline to submit your application and video recording is **May 14, 2021**. All applicants, including returning students, will need to create a new account in the Embark system.

I'm currently enrolled in one of the large ensembles. Do I need to re-audition?

ORCHESTRA

If you would like to be considered for a higher level orchestra, you must take a spring audition. If you would like to stay in the same ensemble, you do not need to take an audition. Please note: If you would like to be considered for YPO, YS, YRO, or JRO, please be sure to submit the orchestral excerpts.

WIND ENSEMBLE

If you would like to be considered for a higher level wind ensemble (and you meet the age requirements), you must take a spring audition. If you would like to stay in the same ensemble, you do not need to take an audition.

CHORUS

We are in the midst of creating plans for the Chorus program for the 2021-2022 season. If you would like to stay up-to-date on the Prep Chorus offerings, please complete the Chorus Interest Form.

BAROQUE

If you would like to be considered for a higher level ensemble, you must take a spring audition. If you would like to stay in the same ensemble, you do not need to take an audition.

YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Current YJO students (2020--2021 year) do not need to take an audition.

I have more than one child who would like to audition. Do I have to create separate applications for each of them?

Yes. A separate application must be submitted for each child. You may use the same email address for multiple applications.

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How much does it cost to audition for large ensembles?

There is an annual non-refundable \$40 audition fee per student to audition for our large ensembles. Once this fee is paid, you can audition for as many different types of groups as you would like. Payments can be made online via the Embark application. Checks should be written out to "New England Conservatory" and can be mailed to NEC Prep Auditions, 290 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115.

What if I don't know my audition pieces yet?

If you are unsure about what you will play in your audition, don't worry! We suggest writing "TBD" or "Undecided" in the blanks. Then, once you know what you will perform, log back into your audition account and fill in the correct composer names and piece titles. If you have trouble, you can submit your audition repertoire to prep@necmusic.edu.

What are the tuition rates for the large ensembles?

Our tuition and fees for the current academic year can be found [here](#).

Which pieces am I supposed to prepare for the audition?

Spring audition repertoire requirements can be found by clicking [here](#).

How long should my solo selections be?

Audition pieces should be works the student knows well and that demonstrate their range of technical abilities and musicianship. Your private teacher can help determine and prepare appropriate pieces for the audition. Please consult with your private teacher on what performance material you will be presenting. NEC Prep advises a maximum of 8 minutes per solo. Spring audition repertoire requirements can be found by clicking [here](#).

Do I have to take the repeats in my solo piece?

We recommend students consult with their teachers to make the most appropriate decisions when preparing their solo selections. Spring audition repertoire requirements can be found by clicking [here](#).

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Can I edit my audition video?

Absolutely no editing or sound enhancements of any kind are permitted.

Who will review my audition?

A committee of Prep staff and ensemble directors will review the audition recordings.

Does the music have to be memorized?

Memorization is not required. If you would like to memorize your solos, you are welcome to do so.

After I audition, when will I find out about my audition placement?

Audition results will be released via email (to all student and parent email addresses associated with the student's account) in June, 2021.

What if I do not have access to a percussion instrument at home?

If you have limited access to percussion equipment due to COVID-19, please be in touch with Christine Witmer, Associate Director, at Christine.Witmer@necmusic.edu.