



Western Connecticut Youth Orchestra

The Western Connecticut Youth Orchestra (WCYO) provides talented youth musicians in the regional Connecticut and New York areas with exceptional musical learning and performance experiences and fosters an awareness and appreciation of classical and contemporary orchestral and concert band repertoire.

The WCYO currently consists of over eighty-five auditioned musicians in grades four through twelve hailing from eighteen towns in Connecticut and New York who participate in the full Symphonic Orchestra, the all Strings Ensemble or the Wind Ensemble. Musicians from the WCYO have attended pre-college programs at The Julliard School and Manhattan School of Music and have gone on to play and study music in colleges and conservatories throughout the United States.

Rehearsals are held weekly, and WCYO ensembles perform several times a year throughout the area, with all concerts open to the public.

Garden Party Concert & Fundraiser

The annual Garden Party is the WCYO's biggest fundraiser. Over 300 people attend the fundraiser each year. Funds raised help pay for music, conductor salaries, and the rental of concert halls and rehearsal venues. The event is held outdoors at Bernard's Restaurant in Ridgefield, Connecticut and includes performances by the WCYO ensembles, as well as silent and live auctions. Food and drinks are available to guests throughout the afternoon.

Publicity of Your Business and Your Donation

Businesses making donations to the Garden Party will be recognized in the event's program book which is given to each attendee at the fundraiser. Business names are also posted at the entry and exit of the auction tent as well as on the individual items donated. Any donation is most welcome. Business ads can also be placed in the program book.

WCYO Contact Information

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have about the WCYO organization or the Garden Party. Thank you very much for your support of our youth musicians!

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