



Bravo String Orchestra (BSO) Information

All String Ensemble, Beginner to Advanced Beginner
Typical school grade levels 4th – 9th

BRAVO STRING ORCHESTRA (BSO), conducted by Nancy Campbell and Mary Elizabeth Henton, offers string players an opportunity to play in a string ensemble with an emphasis placed on basic ensemble techniques, and rehearsal and performance etiquette. BSO is intended for motivated beginning players who are looking for a fun, fast-paced orchestral environment. Students must be able to read music and participate in a 90-minute rehearsal session.

REHEARSALS are Thursdays throughout the school year (Late August thru early May) from 6:00pm-7:30pm. (24-25 Location TBD; 23-24 location is Frederick Douglass High School).

TUITION is charged each semester – in August and January. Bravo String Orchestra tuition is \$245 per semester, which broken down by rehearsal is less than \$20 per rehearsal.

- **Monthly Payment Plans:** Plans are available where the total tuition payment split up into 8 equal monthly installments over the course of the season. Payment plans will be set up to be payable each month from September – May.
- **Discounts:** Families who have more than one child participating or one child participating in more than one ensemble will be offered a 10% tuition discount (per semester) for each student participating or each orchestra a student participates in.
- **Financial Assistance:** CKYO is committed to the equitable access to high-quality music education and seeks to make our programs accessible to all students who successfully audition into an orchestra, regardless of their financial background. Need-based tuition assistance is available for all CKYO orchestras and we encourage families to apply, whether you are requesting full tuition assistance for the season or a \$50 per semester assistance. Learn more and apply here: <https://www.ckyo.org/scholarship>
- **Fundraising Participation:** Students are asked to participate in fundraising each semester or choose to pay a fundraising cash opt out.

MATERIALS: Students should bring their instrument, any instrument accessories (rock stops, mutes, extra strings, rosin, etc.), a pencil, and their CKYO provided folder with music to every rehearsal.

- CKYO does not provide instruments for rehearsal (except percussion instruments/piano) but has some double basses available for rent for the season and will loan specialty/auxillary instruments (A clarinets, bass clarinet, contrabassoon, etc.) to students should CKYO repertoire require it.

PERFORMANCES: Bravo String Orchestra performs in three concerts at the Singletary Center for the Arts each season (early November, mid-February, mid-May). Concerts are Sunday afternoons/early evenings and a rehearsal will take place on stage on the concert day a few hours before the concert start time.



Bravo String Orchestra (BSO) Musical & Technical Requirements

Students in Bravo String Orchestra are expected to:

- Be comfortable sight-reading repertoire up to grade level 1.
- Help with tuning will be provided at each rehearsal.

ADDITIONAL COMPETENCIES REQUIRED FOR BRAVO STRING ORCHESTRA MEMBERS

- Have familiarity with sharps and flats.
- Have emerging shifting skills.
- Have awareness of compound meters (ie. 6/8 time).
- Display correct posture and setup for your instrument.

Violin, Viola, and Cello:

- Be comfortable in 1st and 3rd positions and know detaché and staccato bow strokes.

Double Bass:

- Be comfortable with music in first position with some shifting to third position and know detaché and staccato bow strokes.