LYSO: 2020-21 Season

Dear String Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Lawrence Community Youth String Orchestra (LYSO), formerly ASTRO. Auditions will take place Wednesday, August 12 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., and students will audition online via Zoom.

This year, LYSO students will be divided into two cohorts. Each cohort will be invited to in-person rehearsals every other week and given a link to connect online via Zoom, a platform that allows for computerized or telephonic connection, on alternate weeks. (If a family prefers to participate fully online via Zoom, that is an option.) Lawrence University has determined that up to 35 people can safely be in our rehearsal room given its dimensions and air filtering system; we will have fewer than 20 each week.

Rehearsals will take place Sundays, September 20–November 22, from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. in Shattuck Hall 163 at the Lawrence Conservatory of Music. (The spring semester schedule is to be determined.) Everyone in the rehearsal room will be required to wear masks and remain six feet apart. The exterior classroom door will be used for entrances and exits and parents will be required to wait outside the Conservatory. The semester will culminate in a recording project in which individual student audio recordings are mixed to form a virtual orchestral performance.

Audition requirements and registration can be found on our website: go.lawrence.edu/cms-lyso. After registering, you will receive an email with further instructions.

We look forward to hearing you in August!

Sincerely,
Lawrence Community Music School Staff