

WHAT IS THE WCYO?

Founded in 2002, the Western Connecticut Youth Orchestra (WCYO) organization provides talented young musicians in the regional Connecticut and New York areas with exceptional learning and performance opportunities, while fostering an awareness and appreciation of the enjoyment and power of music.

The mission of the WCYO is to educate and inspire young musicians through the study and performance of classical and contemporary musical works, participation in enrichment activities, and engagement with the community. Our programs provide an opportunity to develop artistry and technique, as well as a profound understanding and appreciation of instrumental music. Our members are challenged not only to perform at the highest level, but also to build character, creativity and self-esteem, with music as their guide.

Symphony Orchestra

Twenty-five young musicians were selected as members of the inaugural youth orchestra, which began weekly rehearsals in January 2003. Today, the WCYO Symphony Orchestra is made up of more than 60 advanced string, woodwind, brass and percussion musicians from age 8-18 and performs professional orchestral repertoire, from staples of the classical genre to music of the 21st century. Symphony Orchestra musicians frequently work with professional guest musicians in a sectional format, have the opportunity to premier original compositions, and participate in community engagement activities.

Charles Ives Music Festival

The Charles Ives Music Festival (CIMF) honors the legacy of composer and Connecticut native Charles Ives by bringing American music to the Fairfield County area. CIMF concerts regularly feature dynamic and unique artists performing the works of Ives, the music of the 20th and 21st century composers, and music that transcends the traditional boundaries of classical music to incorporate other styles of music. CIMF also offers interactive educational and performance programs for youth musicians age 8-21, centered around the exploration of chamber music, including weekend chamber workshops and an annual two-week summer festival.

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\$250 Program Ad (*deadline for ad submission for all 2026 concerts is January 15, 2026*)

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- Logo or preferred name listing in printed programs
- Ad, logo or name on the WCYO and CIMF websites
- 2 complementary tickets to all WCYO (Symphony Orchestra and CIMF) 2026 concerts

\$500 Program Ad (*deadline for ad submission for all 2026 concerts is January 15, 2026*)

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\$1000 Artist or Venue Sponsor

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- 4 complementary tickets to all WCYO (Symphony Orchestra and CIMF) 2026 concerts

\$2500 Concert Sponsor

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- Logo or preferred name listing in printed programs
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\$5000 CIMF Concert Series Sponsor

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- Logo or preferred name listing in printed programs
- Ad, logo or name on the WCYO and CIMF websites
- Ad, logo or name in email blasts reaching 8000+ individuals
- 8 complementary tickets to all CIMF Summer 2026 concerts with VIP seating
- A post-performance meet and greet with the CIMF Artists following the Saturday, August 8, 2026 final festival concert

Ads or logos may be emailed to wcyo@wctyo.org

Questions? wcyo@wctyo.org or 203.894.8786

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