



GOLDEN STATE Youth Orchestra

Suggested Solo Pieces



Dear Music Teachers, Musicians, and Parents:

The list below is intended to assist our students who are interested in performing a solo with our beginning or intermediate level orchestras. There are not many pieces that are appropriate for both solo and orchestra at those levels! For the preparatory orchestras, we are comfortable with repeating pieces year to year, so please do not rule out a piece for that reason.

Note: this is not an exhaustive list. We welcome suggestions from you! If you have difficulty locating the solo parts for any of the pieces named, please do not hesitate to ask for our help.

Suggested solo pieces with performances with:

Chamber Players, Camerata, Galbraith Honor Strings, or El Camino Wind Orchestra

Violin:

- Bach - Concerto for 2 Violins in D minor (original or arrangement [Moore])
- Accolay - Violin Concerto No. 1 in A minor
- Meditation from Thais (arrangement: Massenet/McDaniel)
- Seitz - Violin Concerto No. 1 (First Pupil's Concerto), "Allegro Moderato" only
- Seitz - Violin Concerto No. 5, first movement only
- Vivaldi - Violin Concerto in A minor
- Vivaldi - Concerto for 2 Violins in A minor
- Vivaldi - Four Violins

Viola:

- Casadesus (J.C Bach) - Viola Concerto in C minor (full orchestra arrangement)
- Telemann - Viola Concerto in G Major
- Hoffmeister - Viola Concerto in D Major (string orchestra arrangement)

Cello:

- Breval - Cello Sonata in C Major, "Allegro" (GSYO orchestration, arr. Gelfandbein)
- Casadesus (J.C Bach) - Cello Concerto in C minor (full orchestra arrangement)
- Golterman - Cello Concerto No. 4 in G, "Allegro"
- Vivaldi - Double Cello Concerto in G minor, RV 531



Flute:

- Meditation from Thais (arrangement: Massenet/McDaniel) This solo part can be performed with violin or flute
- Quantz - Flute Concerto in G Major, Mvt. I
- Telemann - Suite in A minor for Flute, Mvt. III

Piccolo:

- Pennywhistle Jig for Piccolo Solo and Orchestra (Mancini/Moss)

Bassoon

- Vivaldi - Bassoon Concerto in E minor*
*most Vivaldi Bassoon Concertos are acceptable at Galbraith Honor Strings - please check first.

Trumpet:

- Leroy Anderson - *Trumpeter's Lullaby*

Tuba

- Gregson - Tuba Concerto (wind band arrangement)

Piano:

- Chopsticks
- Bach - Piano Concerto No. 5 in F Minor
- Bach - Piano Concerto No. 7 in G Minor
- Bach - Piano Concerto in D minor BWV 1052 (all movements)
- Haydn - Piano Concerto in D Major
- Haydn - Piano Concerto in C Major

***For performances with Sinfonietta or Senior Symphony, choose pieces from the Standard Repertoire - call the GSYO office if you have a question, and avoid pieces that were performed during the current season.