



**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**  
**8:00 pm**

We hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy during these challenging times. Although our building is currently silent, your AYSP staff has not stopped working to stay abreast of developments with COVID-19 related closures and safety precautions. Our staff has continued also to ensure that AYSP maintains and makes necessary repairs to its facility, pays its bills, remains in compliance with grant contracts and other obligations, and continues with ongoing plans for what may remain of the current season and preparation for the 2020-2021 season.

Some of you have inquired about how auditions will happen for next season. While we are all taking things day by day in an atmosphere of constantly changing dynamics, here is what we can tell you about auditions as of today:

- The Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program **WILL** hold auditions for the 2020-2021 season.
- As of today's date, NO changes whatsoever have been made to the plans for auditions that are shared on our website, <https://aysmusic.org/annual-auditions>.
- As of today's date, AYSP plans to hold auditions on the currently scheduled dates.
- AYSP staff are currently studying alternatives to in-person auditions held at the AYSP building, in the event it is not possible or advisable for us to hold in-person auditions on the currently scheduled dates.
- If AYSP is unable to hold its annual auditions in person at the AYSP building, AYSP will likely employ an online audition program that will allow students to upload and submit videos of the required audition materials.
- AYSP has no plans to conduct annual auditions via Zoom, or Skype. To the extent information to this effect is circulating, such information is incorrect and did not come from AYSP staff or anyone representing the organization.
- If and when AYSP must transition to an online audition process for next season, we will promptly notify current and prospective students by email, through the audition information page on the AYSP website, social media, and by email directly to music teachers in our community. We will provide students and music teachers with ample notice of the transition and instructions for online submission of audition materials.

- Students are strongly encouraged to continue preparations for their AYSP audition as currently scheduled. The audition requirements are the same, whether the audition takes place in person or will be submitted online.

As for the remainder of our current season, we will continue to provide updates as our circumstances evolve and as we continue to follow guidance from our schools and our local, state, and federal health authorities. In the event those authorities decide to extend school cancellations, AYSP will follow suit. As stated in our March 12, 2020 Read and Heed, at this time, we are exploring options for extending our season into May, since we will be losing valuable rehearsal time in March and our scheduled Popejoy Hall concerts on April 26 have been canceled. We will keep you advised as any plans take shape so that our students and families may adjust their plans accordingly.

We so appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this time. Please continue to be vigilant about your own personal health and welfare. Stay safe and healthy, AYSP family!