



Australian Youth Orchestra

2023 TRAINING PROGRAMS

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ABOUT AUSTRALIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA

The Australian Youth Orchestra (AYO) is one of the world's most prestigious and innovative training organisations for young musicians. Our specialised training pathway has been created to nurture the musical development of the most gifted young instrumentalists across metropolitan and regional Australia: from exceptional school-aged musicians to emerging young practitioners to those on the verge of a professional career. AYO presents tailored training and performance programs each year for aspiring musicians, composers, arts administrators and music journalists aged 12 to 30 to help them achieve their goals.

How should I choose a program?

Each of our programs caters to Australia's finest young musicians at varying stages of their creative and professional development. Many participants start as young as twelve and follow the AYO training pathway from start to finish, while others select individual programs that complement their study schedule and stages of development. AYO offers the flexibility to pick and choose the programs that suit you best, and we encourage you to apply for all eligible and available programs. Our programs vary to suit your needs, ranging from performance-based to non-instrumental.

**2023 APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FROM 20 JULY 2022
APPLY ONLINE AT [AYO.COM.AU](https://ayo.com.au)**

For detailed information on programs, key dates, how to apply, audition requirements and financial assistance visit ayo.com.au.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 20 July 2022

Applications open

Tuesday 6 September 2022

String auditions due

Thursday 8 September 2022

All other instruments: wind, brass, percussion, harp, piano and established ensemble auditions due

Composition, Sound Production, Orchestral Management and Words About Music portfolios due

Monday 12 September 2022

Sound Production, Orchestral Management and Words About Music interview times released

Monday 19 September 2022

Sound Production, Orchestral Management and Words About Music interviews

Tuesday 18 October 2022

First round offers released
Financial assistance applications open

Thursday 27 October 2022

Second round offers released

Friday 4 November 2022

Any further offers released on an individual basis

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AYO YOUNG SYMPHONISTS

Young Symphonists is the beginning of the musical journey with AYO. Here is where you take the first step on your orchestral path and join other gifted young musicians for an intensive week of music-making. This program is designed specifically for 12–17-year-olds who wish to experience the joy of tackling highly challenging repertoire and who might be contemplating a performance career.

What to expect on the program

You'll join other gifted young musicians from around the country for an intensive, week-long residential program. Musicians will attend tutorials with some of Australia's most respected and celebrated tutors and undergo an exciting and rigorous rehearsal and performance program before showcasing their newly honed skills in a public performance.

When 23 September–1 October 2023

Where Bathurst, NSW

Cost \$945

Participants must cover their own transport and instrument freight costs to and from the Sydney domestic airport. All meals, transfers and accommodation will be provided.

Eligibility 12–17 years inclusive as at 1 January 2023

Minimum standard AMEB Grade 6 or equivalent

Open to all orchestral instruments including harp and excluding piano.

Due dates String auditions due Tuesday 6 September

All other instrumental auditions due Thursday 8 September

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AYO NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP



The highlight of the year for many young Australian musicians, AYO National Music Camp is a whirlwind of new faces, exhilarating challenges and uplifting performances. Immerse yourself in a two-week musical experience. Be inspired by tutors, artists and conductors of international standing, and experience music-making at an elite national level as part of a superb symphony or chamber orchestra.

What to expect on the program

You'll join the country's best young musicians for a fully catered residential program. Throughout the program, musicians will be engaged in orchestral and sectional rehearsals, as well as tutorials with some of Australia's most respected instrumental tutors and conductors.

Each musician will also gain practical skills in areas that support their performance aspirations through professional development sessions led by experienced tutors and artists. In addition, all participants will have the opportunity to explore the world of chamber music as part of a small chamber ensemble. At the conclusion of the program, participants will showcase their combined efforts in a series of exciting orchestral concert performances.

With an action-packed schedule, it's important that your focus is on the program at hand. Rest assured, you will be well looked after, allowing you to concentrate on your preparation and performance. We provide airport transfers, comfortable shared accommodation and three meals per day for every participant.

When	9–22 January 2023
Where	Adelaide, SA
Cost	\$1,200

Participants must cover their own transport and instrument freight costs to and from the program. All meals, transfers and accommodation will be provided.

Eligibility	14–22 years inclusive as at 1 January 2023 Minimum standard AMEB Grade 6 or equivalent Open to all orchestral instruments including harp and piano.
Due dates	String auditions due Tuesday 6 September All other instrumental auditions due Thursday 8 September

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AUSTRALIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA

All your experience as a student and player reaches a pinnacle when you become a member of AYO's flagship ensemble: the Australian Youth Orchestra. Selection in the AYO is an acknowledgement of excellence at a national level.

With this program, you'll witness the rich possibilities available to you in today's world of orchestral music-making. You'll collaborate with like-minded national peers and some of the world's most inspiring artists. The program gives participants the chance to tackle rewarding repertoire while performing in prestigious venues across Australia.

What to expect on the program

As a member of the Australian Youth Orchestra, you will undertake two orchestral seasons alongside the best young musicians from across the country. In April, musicians will gather to rehearse before performing a public concert. In July, the orchestra will come together once again to delight audiences with an exhilarating concert series.

Dates

Autumn Season

9–15 April 2023
Perth, WA

Winter Season

3–11 July 2023
Sydney, NSW & Canberra, ACT

Cost

\$1,345 per season

AYO will arrange and cover all travel, instrument freight, meals and accommodation costs associated with the program.

Eligibility

25 years and under as at 1 January 2023
Open to all orchestral instruments, including harp for both seasons and piano for the winter season

Participants must be available for both seasons

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AYO CHAMBER PLAYERS

Immerse yourself in the intimate world of chamber music with AYO Chamber Players. This program offers intensive ensemble training and guidance from leading chamber musicians. Working with your mentors, you will study a range of repertoire with an ensemble, further developing your skills and laying the foundations for a successful career in small ensemble playing.

What to expect on the program

Participants will join with their peers as part of a string quartet, piano trio, wind quintet or brass quintet and be tutored by some of Australia's leading chamber musicians.

When 11-19 February 2023
Where Melbourne, VIC
Cost \$1,065

AYO will arrange and cover all travel, instrument freight, meals and accommodation costs associated with the program.

Eligibility 18–28 years inclusive as at 1 January 2023

Minimum standard AMEB AMusA or equivalent

You may apply for this program as an individual musician or an established ensemble. Applications are open to individual violin, viola, cello, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone, bass trombone, tuba and piano players, as well as established string quartets, wind quintets, brass quintets and piano trios.

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AYO ORCHESTRAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The AYO Orchestral Career Development fellowships are aimed at young musicians on the cusp of their professional careers. The programs act as a springboard for those wanting to pursue performance at an elite level, providing participants with the skills to establish a diverse and successful career in music.

What to expect on the program

These exciting fellowships give participants the opportunity to receive valuable one-on-one mentoring from a member of a professional orchestra. Your mentor will guide you through a range of focus areas such as audition preparation, as well as providing unique coaching in concerto and excerpt workshops. This mentorship will help participants refine the skills and knowledge they need to enter the rich world of professional orchestral music. The fellowship will culminate in a casual audition for one of Australia's state orchestras.

Dates ***ASO Fellowships***
26 March–2 April 2023
Adelaide, SA

MSO String Fellowships
17–24 July 2023
Melbourne, VIC

Cost \$525 per fellowship

AYO will arrange and cover all travel, instrument freight, meals and accommodation costs associated with the program.

Eligibility 18–25 years inclusive as at 1 January 2023

ASO Fellowships: Limited places are available for violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn players. Previous participants of the program are ineligible to apply.

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ORCHESTRAL MANAGEMENT

An orchestra is more than just the musicians on stage. Behind every great arts organisation is a team of dedicated arts administrators whose job is to ensure things are running smoothly. The AYO Orchestral Management program offers participants a peek backstage at the many diverse and exciting roles that exist in the world of orchestral music. The program provides students with hands-on experience and skills development that will see them excel in the professional field.

What to expect on the program

Participants will develop the skills to help keep the orchestra running smoothly as you master the essentials of stage management, foresight and planning. You'll have the chance to put your new skills to the test as you expertly manage the two-week rehearsals and concert series at AYO National Music Camp.

From the minute you arrive at AYO National Music Camp, you'll experience a whirl of new faces and first encounters with Australia's brightest young players, composers, sound engineers and music journalists. With an action-packed schedule, it's important that your focus is on the program at hand. Rest assured, you will be well looked after, allowing you to concentrate on the program. We provide airport transfers, comfortable shared accommodation and three meals per day for every camp attendee.

When 8–22 January 2023

Where Adelaide, SA

Cost \$1,200

Participants must cover their own transport costs. All meals, transfers and accommodation will be provided.

Eligibility 18–28 years inclusive as at 1 January 2023
Previous participants of this program are ineligible to apply.

Places 8
Please note this is an indicative number and is subject to change.

Due date Thursday 8 September

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WORDS ABOUT MUSIC

The right words can powerfully influence an audience's experience of live music. This program will immerse you in the world of online, radio and print mediums as you learn to expressively communicate about music and the cultural factors which influence it.

What to expect on the program

As a Words About Music participant, you'll learn the tricks of the trade behind music journalism and content creation. You'll use these newfound skills to create inspiring, engaging pieces about the music you'll hear every day at camp. Your tutors will guide you through the ins and outs of web and print publishing, as well as the exciting world of podcasting and broadcast techniques. You'll further develop your writing skills and produce high-quality program notes.

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Cost \$1,200

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SOUND PRODUCTION



Help the wonder and beauty of orchestral performances live on with immaculately produced concert recordings. This program will equip you with the technical knowledge and experience essential for sound production and mixing. You'll also learn interview and editing techniques to develop your broadcasting skills. This is a unique, hands-on experience that leads to professional-quality outcomes.

What to expect on the program

As a Sound Production participant, you'll learn the essentials of sound engineering and production. As a team, you'll utilise these new skills as you manage the preparation, recording and production of our exciting concert series. A number of these recordings will be broadcast online and on-air through our far-reaching channels, giving you the unique opportunity to share your work with audiences around the country!

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COMPOSITION

Great pieces of music start with an empty page. In our unique Composition program, you'll have the opportunity to workshop your ideas with other like-minded young composers in a shared music-making endeavour. Push the boundaries of composition with guidance from one of Australia's leading composers and experience the joy of having your brand new work brought to life by the musicians and tutors of the AYO National Music Camp orchestral program.

What to expect on the program

As a Composition participant, you'll be encouraged to push the boundaries of composition as you work with an experienced tutor to fine-tune your new piece of music. During the program, you'll also have the opportunity to work with AYO's experienced instrumental tutors. They will share their expertise on the nuances of writing for their instrument and perform your composition in an exciting public concert.

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When 9–22 January 2023

Where Adelaide, SA

Cost \$1,200

Participants must cover their own transport costs. All meals, transfers and accommodation will be provided.

Eligibility 16–30 years inclusive as at 1 January 2023
Previous participants of this program are ineligible to apply.

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