

NYB AUDITION FAQS

- **Do I need piano accompaniment for my audition?**
It is totally your choice as to whether you send in an audition with accompaniment or without accompaniment.
- **Do I need to send the whole piece of music with piano accompaniment I'm using for my audition?**
Only send the passage of music you are playing for your audition, not the whole piece! Indicate the passages performed with brackets. ***You do not need to send the piano accompaniment part.***
- **Do percussionists need to do an audition piece/etude on each instrument?**
Yes percussionist need to audition with one solo or etude on each of the following instruments: snare drum, xylophone or marimba and the tympani. Scales are done only on the mallet instrument.
- **How long does audition each piece need to be?**
Select a solo/etude passage that best shows off your ability. The passage should be a page or less. Be sure to choose pieces of contrasting styles, articulation and speed. (Look at the "Tips For Auditioning" on the NYB website www.canadianband.ca)

NYB GENERAL INFORMATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Is there a fee to join the National youth Band?**
Yes there is a \$460.00 participation fee.
- **What does the \$460.00 participation fee cover?**
This fee covers the cost of room (dorm style at a local university, one person per bed) and all transportation for the week, including transfers to and from the airport. It also covers the cost of music, conductor's fees, rehearsal space, equipment and miscellaneous expenses associated with the National Youth Band of Canada project.
- **Does the National Youth Band offer any financial aid?**
No, the National Youth Band, which is a project of the Canadian Band Association, does not offer any financial aid. Many of the provincial chapters of the Canadian Band Association offer scholarships to successful applicants. The provincial chapter links are listed on the Canadian Band Association website www.canadianband.org You should also check with your teacher who hopefully is a member of their provincial band association chapter.
- **Do students need spending money (meals, snacks, sight-seeing, shopping etc.)?**
They will need money for meals, snacks. Most times there is a fridge in each room or in a common area. Students can bring food items with them or shop for food once they arrive at the NYB residence. We can arrange transportation to a grocery store in the area. Sometimes we are able to set up a meal plan that students may opt into for the week. It is your choice to pay for the meal plan, (if available) or get your own food. We do have one full day of sight-seeing. Often the students request to go to a local mall or shop at tourist attractions.
- **What type of clothing is required for concerts?**
Black Tuxedos, socks and shoes for the men. All black for women: blouses, slacks, skirt, dress, hose and shoes. Regular school clothes for rehearsals and travel. A more detailed list of concert attire will be emailed to successful participants.
- **Will there be a chaperone or NYB representative to pick up/drop off my child at the airport/train/bus station?**
There will be a representative to meet students at the airport/train/bus station. We supply transportation to and from the airport/train/bus station.
- **Can parents accompany their child on this trip?**
You are more than welcome to accompany your son/daughter on this trip. Your child will still be required to stay in the dorms with the other NYB members. Your child will always be with the NYB group rehearsing, eating, traveling, performing or sight-seeing. Most parents come to one of the concerts.
- **We live close to the where the NYB is staying. Does my son/daughter have to pay the fee and stay in the dorms?**
Yes, your son/daughter is required to pay the participation fee and stay with the group at all times even though they live in the area. Living together for the NYB week is part of the National Youth Band experience.