

Louisville Youth Orchestra

Music Theory Courses

The Louisville Youth Orchestra will offer two sections of music theory classes during the 2020-2021 season. One for beginning to intermediate level students, and one for advanced students. Each course will last ten weeks, meet weekly through Zoom meetings, have assignments both written and aural. The classes will be taught by Mr. John Little, who has taught music theory classes for almost twenty years.

Music theory gives the student the tools to understand what it is they are playing and hearing; and thus, play it better and in a more rewarding way. The beginning-intermediate class will begin to solidify the elements of music, such as rhythm, aural skills, keys, intervals, and triads. Also offered will be an overview of and an introduction to compositional techniques used by composers that are widely performed by orchestras. Guided listening will accompany each assignment and learning goal.

The advanced course will cover aural skills (both singing and hearing) analysis of vertical and linear aspects of music, ornamentations and species counterpoint. Students will be given the tools to compose beginning pieces in a systematic manner.

Course Times:

Beginning-Intermediate: Wednesday - 4:00-5:00PM

Advanced: Thursday - 4:00-5:00PM

Cost: \$150.00 per student

Teacher: John Little