From Andover to Rockport, Salem to Portsmouth, NMYO’s youth orchestras program serves northeast Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire with student members representing more than 40 communities. Presenting nine free-to-the-public concerts each year, NMYO provides an enriching musical performance experience for elementary through high school musicians. Led by Music Director Gerald Dolan, with an accomplished team of music professionals and an experienced administrative team, NMYO creates community connections and collaborations for its youth players.

The regular rehearsal and concert schedule is supplemented with master classes, enrichment days, chamber music coaching, community service outreach concerts to underserved populations, and a composer-in-residence program. Enrichment Day Seminars
NMYO’s enrichment days enable the ensembles to work intensely to build skills. Professional guest conductors are invited to work with NMYO musicians as part of these seminars.

Chamber Music
NMYO Symphony Orchestra musicians, and auditioned members of Intermezzo and Wind Ensemble, participate in this eight-week program. The small chamber groups are coached by visiting professional musicians and perform at least one concert at the conclusion of the program.

Youth Serving Through Music
NMYO’s community service outreach program brings concerts to underserved populations and empowers NMYO musicians by teaching them how their musical talents might serve others. Several outreach events are held in local communities throughout the concert season.

Composer–In–Residence
Members of the Intermezzo Orchestra participate in the composer-in-residence program which introduces young musicians to the composition process. Working with the composer, NMYO musicians help write and perform a new piece in concert.

Symphony Orchestra
Advanced high school musicians

Wind Ensemble
Middle and high school wind players

Intermezzo Orchestra
Middle and high school musicians

Overture String Ensemble
Elementary and middle school string players

Prelude String Ensemble
Introductory group for string players

Junior Flute Choir
Middle school flutists

Flute Choir
High school flutists

Select Flute Choir
Advanced high school flutists

Musicians, age 6 through 18, are eligible to participate in the Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras and are placed in ensembles based on their ability through a formal audition process.