

Common Course Outline
MUSC 173
Greater Baltimore Youth Orchestra
1 Semester Hour

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

The Greater Baltimore Youth Orchestra Studies and performs literature from the symphonic repertoire. Open to instrumentalists under the age of twenty-one. Contact the GBYO office at 410-780-6914 for audition information.

Overall Course Objectives

1. To develop an awareness of and an appreciation for symphonic music.
2. To develop young musicians' expressive potential and to teach the art of communication through music.
3. To train young musicians in effective practice and performance techniques.
4. To train young musicians in techniques associated with performance, including: quality of sound production, intonation and blend, ensemble awareness, musicianship, articulation and stylistic interpretation, following the conductor, counting habits and rhythmic precision.
5. To develop a professional attitude and respect for fellow musicians.
6. To create a healthy atmosphere conducive to building the teamwork that is essential to the success of the ensemble and the musicians' personal growth.

Major Topics

1. Exposure to symphonic literature from various historical periods.
2. Weekly rehearsals conducted by ensemble director.
3. Sectional coaching by music faculty, members of the Baltimore Symphony, and other professional musicians.
4. Encouragement to attend live symphonic performances.
5. Listening assignments related to works being performed.
6. Performances throughout the Baltimore area, and local, regional, and international touring performances.

Course Requirements

1. Regular attendance at weekly rehearsals and sectionals.
2. Effective use of individual practice time.
3. Evaluation/critique of performance proficiency and musical growth by ensemble director.
4. Active participation in concert performances.

Other Course Information