

TIMELINE

**2026 SEASON
JUL 25 - AUG 9**

MAY 30
11:59 PM

**SIGN-UP
DEADLINE**

**ENSEMBLE
ORIENTATION**

JUNE 6
10:30 AM
(VIRTUAL)

JULY 25
10:30 AM
(IN-PERSON)

**USHER ORIENTATION
+ ENSEMBLE
PROGRAM AND
REHEARSALS BEGIN**

**FESTIVAL
CONCERTS AND
USHERING DUTIES**

**JULY 31,
AUG
1,2,8,9**

AUG 8

YOUTH ENSEMBLE CONCERT

WHY FOLKS ARE JOINING

From Past Youth Ensemble Members:

“It’s cool to get to see all these world- class musicians and composers come together and perform. We get to see that just by passing out programs and helping people find their seats.”

“Most people don’t even know what contemporary music is. This is the hub of it—the biggest contemporary music festival in the country!”

“I don’t always have the funds to see all the concerts I want, this gives me the opportunity to see as many Festival [orchestra] concerts as I want!”

“A student should consider the [Youth Ensemble] Program of the Cabrillo Festival to immerse themselves in the contemporary music world. That’s what this festival is all about. There is NO prerequisite. You can just join to find out what this world is like.”



CABRILLO FESTIVAL

OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

YOUTH ENSEMBLE PROGRAM



JULY 25 - AUG 9 2026

SANTA CRUZ CIVIC



WHAT IS IT?

Cabrillo Festival's Youth Ensemble is a FREE music program that provides young adults age 16-24 with invaluable experience in concert planning, preparation, and performance, and unmatched access to world-class contemporary music artists. Led by two peer Youth Ensemble Co-Directors, students can engage in many ways– by curating, composing, and performing a chamber concert of their own works on the venerated stage of the Cabrillo Festival– America's first and preeminent Festival dedicated to new orchestral music.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Workshops and 1:1 composition coaching with world class conductors, composers and musicians
- Admission to Festival performances as concert ushers
- Opportunity to compose, perform and/or conduct music for the Youth Ensemble Concert during the Festival
- Access to all open rehearsals + an "inside-the-orchestra" experience

REQUIREMENTS

- Designed for young adults ages 16-24
- Participants must arrange for own housing and travel
- Must attend two mandatory orientations: Saturday June 6 (virtual) and Saturday July 25 (in-person)
- Must usher five Cabrillo Festival concerts July 31, Aug 1, 2, 8, 9
- All backgrounds and skill levels welcome!



HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Cabrillo Festival will follow national guidelines for safety, and reserves the right to implement or change protocols at any time based on recommendations and mandates issued by health officials and city, county, state, and federal authorities and agencies. Visit cabrillomusic.org for complete details.

JOIN US FOR A FREE MUSIC IMMERSION PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGE 16-24

HOW TO JOIN

Convinced yet? If you would like to join the Youth Ensemble Program, please visit our website to sign up today!

Deadline to submit is May 30th, 2026



ALL IN-PERSON EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT THE SANTA CRUZ CIVIC AUDITORIUM, 307 CHURCH STREET. EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, WEBSITE HAS MOST CURRENT INFORMATION: [CABRILLOMUSIC.ORG](http://cabrillomusic.org)

SIGN UP TODAY!



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