

**GREATER BALTIMORE YOUTH ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION**

**SINFONIA APPLICATION**

*Please fill in the following information, including a brief statement from the student's music teacher, and mail the completed form with a non-refundable application fee of \$20 to the address at the bottom of this form. Please print.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Date started lessons: \_\_\_\_\_

School Music Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Teachers: please state briefly your assessment of the playing level of the above student. This may include how long you have been teaching this student, what book(s) are being used for instruction, what scales the student may be studying, and any other information you feel may be relevant to his/her placement in our string ensemble. This orchestra is for students who can read music in the keys of D and G Major, and who can play rhythm patterns including quarter and eighth notes. (Please continue on the other side if necessary.)

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Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: GBYOA - Sinfonia  
2034 Greenspring Drive  
Timonium, MD 21093

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEWEST MEMBER OF  
THE GREATER BALTIMORE YOUTH ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION FAMILY**

**THE SINFONIA**

The Greater Baltimore Youth Orchestra Association (GBYOA) has completed 29 seasons of providing outstanding music education experiences for talented young musicians in Baltimore and the surrounding counties. In an effort to accommodate students who are at an early stage in the study of stringed instruments, the GBYOA added a new ensemble, the Sinfonia, in the fall of 2005.

Members of the Sinfonia range slightly in age and experience but most students are elementary-school-aged and playing literature from *about* the first two Suzuki books. (These are simply guidelines.) Since this group is non-auditioned, we ask private teachers to complete the student assessment on the application form so we have a better idea of each individual student's level of playing. If the student is not already taking private lessons, a school music teacher may complete the assessment.

While private study is not required for participation in the Sinfonia, the GBYO Association highly recommends that each student take private lessons which will enable him or her to make continued progress; private teachers can also assist students with their ensemble music. The GBYO Association maintains a list of private instructors and can help families find a teacher in their area.

The Sinfonia meets on Sunday afternoons during the academic school year, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the Loyola Graduate Center, 2034 Greenspring Drive, Timonium, MD 21093. Tuition is \$265 per year. The GBYOA has a policy that no student will be excluded from the orchestras for inability to meet expenses; scholarship assistance and/or payment plans may be arranged with the Board President.

Please call the GBYOA office at 410-617-1524 for more information.