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CLEVELAND – The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra today announced auditions for the 2013-14 season. Auditions will be held at Severance Hall during the month of May, with late afternoon, evening, and weekend audition times available. Middle- and high-school student instrumentalists, who are studying privately and involved in their school music program, are invited to audition. Auditions will be heard for the following instruments: violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp (alternate position), flute, piccolo, oboe, English horn, clarinet, bassoon, contrabassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone (alternate position), bass trombone (alternate position), tuba (alternate position), percussion, and keyboard instruments. Audition applications must be received by Friday, April 5, 2013. The application fee is $25. Those interested should contact Youth Orchestra Manager Ashley Smith at 216-231-7352

During the 2013-14 season, the Youth Orchestra will give three performances at Severance Hall as well as concerts in the greater Cleveland community.

Members of The Cleveland Orchestra serving as coaches to the Youth Orchestra and leading weekly sectional rehearsals include: William Preucil, Yoko Moore, and Emilio Llinas (violin), Lynne Ramsey, Stanley Konopka, and Mark Jackobs (viola), Richard Weiss and David Alan

Harrell (cello), Mark Atherton (bass), Marisela Sager (flute/woodwinds), Frank Rosenwein and Jeffrey Rathbun (oboe/woodwinds), Robert Woolfrey (clarinet/woodwinds), Jonathan Sherwin (bassoon/woodwinds), Richard Stout (brass), Hans Clebsch (horn/brass), Lyle Steelman (trumpet), and Marc Damoulakis (timpani/percussion).

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