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**SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TRYOUTS**

**AUSO Audition and Membership FAQ**

 **Q. What are the auditions like and when do they take place?**
A. Auditions take place in the HPAC practice room the first Monday of the semester and the following Tuesday of each year both days at 6 p.m. Auditions are about 10 minutes in length and are heard by the Orchestra music director and his graduate assistants.

**Q. What should I play in the audition?**A. Any piece that best shows your level. Candidates will be requested to read a short excerpt at sight.

**Q. Can I warm up before my audition?**
A. Yes, there is limited space at the Howard Center, but candidates can get ready in the hallways around the practice room. We ask candidates to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to their audition.

**Q. When will I find out when my audition is?**
A. There will be a sign up list on the door of 206 Hamel Hall and all interested candidates are welcome to sign up.
**Q. When are rehearsals?**
A. Regular rehearsals take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week at 7:00-8:30 p.m. and Fridays at 1:30-3:00 p.m.
**Q. What if I have to be absent from a rehearsal?**
A. AUSO follows a format with three concerts in each semester of the school year. Each member is allowed 2 absences per concert cycle. Dress rehearsals and performances are mandatory.

**Q. Does AUSO Tour?**
A. Yes, AUSO toured internationally to Europe in 2006, to the Philippines, to Hong Kong in 2009, and to Costa Rica in 2011. Regional tours happen every year. The next international tour is currently planned for Spring Semester 2015.

**Q. Are community members allowed playing in the AUSO?**A. Yes, the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra has a long tradition in providing the opportunity to amateur musicians and talented pre-college students to play in the orchestra.