



# SYMPHONY NOVA SCOTIA FOR STUDENTS & SCHOOLS



*"A child's first contact with live symphonic music can be transformative. Our education programs offer students the chance to engage with orchestral music in a low-barrier, hands-on way. Read on to learn more about what programs the Symphony has to offer – we hope you'll come and join us!"*

**Greg Burton, Music Education Specialist**



## YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERTS

**Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023 at 10:30 am & 12 pm**

The Symphony's 45-minute "Music Gives Us Courage" concert offers students an opportunity to experience the full orchestra in a fun and engaging performance, with music from Beethoven's Fifth Symphony to *Uptown Funk*. New this year, we're inviting students to join us at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium for these performances!

**Cost:** FREE admission to schools!

*Transportation to the Dalhousie Arts Centre is not included.*

**Learn more:** [symphonymnovascotia.ca/young-peoples-concerts](https://symphonymnovascotia.ca/young-peoples-concerts)



## LINK UP!

**Throughout the 2023/24 school year with concerts on  
Wednesday, Apr. 3, 2024 at 10:30 am & 12 pm**

This Carnegie Hall Weill Music Institute program pairs Symphony Nova Scotia with elementary students at local schools to learn about orchestras and symphonic music through a year-long, hands-on music curriculum. It culminates in a concert at the Cohn where they sing, play recorder, and/or play the violin with the orchestra.

**Cost:** FREE participation for schools!

*Transportation to the Dalhousie Arts Centre is not included.*

**Learn more:** [symphonymnovascotia.ca/link-up](https://symphonymnovascotia.ca/link-up)



## OPEN REHEARSALS

**Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023 at 10:30 am**

**Denise Djokic Plays Haydn • Hosted by Holly Mathieson**

**Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024 at 10:30 am**

**Lucas Porter Plays Gershwin • Hosted by Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser**

**Friday, May 10, 2024 at 10:30 am**

**Reeny & Mahalia Smith • Hosted by Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser**

Open Rehearsals are a chance for children in Grades 4 and up to experience the Symphony in the concert hall at a very reduced price. A host will guide the students' experience through a working rehearsal as our musicians prepare for a live concert.

**Cost:** \$12 per student (HST/fees included). Plus, for every 10 tickets purchased, get one chaperone ticket free.

**Learn more:** [symphonymnovascotia.ca/open-rehearsals](https://symphonymnovascotia.ca/open-rehearsals)



## NUTCRACKER STUDENT MATINEE

Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 at 10:30 am

Enjoy our student matinee of *The Nutcracker* – Halifax’s favourite holiday tradition! School Matinees are concerts presented just for an audience of students, and they’re a great chance for students of all ages to experience the Symphony onstage at an accessible time, and at a reduced price.

**Cost:** \$21 per person (HST/fees included).

**Learn more:** [symphonynovascotia.ca/student-matinees](https://symphonynovascotia.ca/student-matinees)



## NOVA SCOTIA YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Are there talented young musicians in your class? Encourage them to try out for the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra! We’re looking for young musicians between the ages of 12 and 26 to audition. Enjoy regular performance opportunities, participate in workshops and job training, and make new friends, all in a supportive environment!

**Cost:** \$25 to audition; \$250 for annual tuition (HST included).

*Financial assistance may be available.*

**Learn more:** [symphonynovascotia.ca/nsyo-audition](https://symphonynovascotia.ca/nsyo-audition)



## UNDER-30 PRICE

In addition to the above programs, the Symphony also offers special Under-30 prices! Students can attend a Spotlight or Baroque concert for only \$20, or get an Under-30 U-Pick to any four of our regular concerts for just \$100!

**Cost:** \$20 for Spotlight/Baroque tickets; \$100 for Under-30 U-Pick 4 (HST included).

*Some restrictions apply; please see our website for details.*

**Learn more:** [symphonynovascotia.ca/under-30](https://symphonynovascotia.ca/under-30)



## VIDEO GAMES LIVE

Friday, Mar. 8, 2024 at 7:30 pm / Saturday, Mar. 9, 2024 at 2 pm & 7:30 pm

The Symphony also offers concerts like Video Games Live, featuring music from the most popular video games of all time – combining full orchestra, synchronized video and lighting, state-of-the-art special effects, live action, and more.

**Cost:** Tickets start at \$40 (HST included).

*No Under-30 or school pricing for these performances.*

**Learn more:** [symphonynovascotia.ca/vgl](https://symphonynovascotia.ca/vgl)



## LEARN MORE & REACH OUT

Interested in any of these programs? Please reach out to our Community Engagement Manager, D’Arcy Gray at [darcygray@symphonyns.ca](mailto:darcygray@symphonyns.ca) or find out more at [symphonynovascotia.ca/schools](https://symphonynovascotia.ca/schools). We can’t wait to see you at the Symphony!

## THANK YOU!

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