



# PRactice-A-ThoN

February 10 – 23, 2024

WYSO members are invited to participate in the Practice-A-Thon by tracking their personal practice time for two weeks and asking family and friends to sponsor them. Prizes will be awarded for the total minutes practiced. All donations will go towards the Musical Notes Family Campaign. Each gift is 100% tax deductible and will help to support the costs of WYSO programming.

## How It Works

- Ask relatives, friends, neighbors, and parents' coworkers to sponsor you.
- Sponsors can pledge in two different ways. (*Pledge sheet is included.*)
  1. A flat rate.
  2. Per minute practiced. (*A max amount can be set.*)
- Track personal practice time between Saturday, February 18, and Friday, March 3. (*Practice sheet is included.*)
- Collect donations by check or online credit card payments.
  - The sponsor can donate from the Musical Notes website on OneCause: [p2p.onecause.com/musicalnotes](https://p2p.onecause.com/musicalnotes)
  - Check donations must be mailed to the WYSO office. Include the member's name in the memo. (PO Box 258039, Madison, WI 53725)
- To earn prizes, turn in the practice sheet during WYSO rehearsals the weekend of February 24/25 or email a PDF/photo to [teddy@wysomusic.org](mailto:teddy@wysomusic.org).

## Practice Goals

Setting a personal practice goal, for example, 300 total minutes (only 22 minutes a day) and obtaining five pledges at .10 cents per minute will raise \$150 for the Musical Notes Family Campaign.

## How to Ask for Donations and Pledges

*"Hello, I play music with the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras. We have a Practice-A-Thon to raise money for our Musical Notes Family Campaign. Each donation is 100% tax deductible and will help to support the costs of WYSO programming. My goal is to practice for (insert your goal) minutes over the next two weeks! Would you be willing to support me by donating to this wonderful cause? (include the link to your orchestra's OneCause fundraising page.)"*

*There are two ways you can support my goal:*

1. *Donate a flat amount.*
2. *Pledge an amount per minute I practice. (A max amount can be set.)*

*I appreciate your support!"*

## Prizes

**Tier One:** Any member who meets this goal by February 23 will be awarded a WYSO bumper sticker or pencil.

- Opus One: 140 minutes
- Sinfonietta Orchestra: 210 minutes
- Concert Orchestra: 280 minutes
- Philharmonia Orchestra: 350 minutes
- Youth Orchestra: 420 minutes

**Tier Two:** Any member who meets this goal by February 23 will be awarded a WYSO bumper sticker or pencil and will also be awarded a Symphony Bar. *(If a member has an allergy, please indicate this on the practice sheet.)*

- Opus One: 210 minutes
- Sinfonietta Orchestra: 280 minutes
- Concert Orchestra: 350 minutes
- Philharmonia Orchestra: 420 minutes
- Youth Orchestra: 560 minutes

**Tier Three:** Any member who meets this goal by February 23 will be awarded a WYSO bumper sticker, pencil, Symphony Bar and will be entered into two drawings. *(See the drawing details listed below.)*

- Opus One: 350 minutes or more
- Sinfonietta Orchestra: 420 minutes or more
- Concert Orchestra: 560 minutes or more
- Philharmonia Orchestra: 700 minutes or more
- Youth Orchestra: 840 minutes or more

### Practice Sheet Due

**February 24 or 25 at Rehearsal**

**OR**

**Email a PDF to Teddy Larson by  
February 25**

### Drawing for Tier Three:

1. Each orchestra will draw one winner from its members who achieved Tier Three to receive a \$20 gift card from Ward-Brodt Music Mall.
  - (Five total winners.)
2. All members who achieve Tier Three will also be placed into a general drawing for the Grand Prize, a \$100 gift card of choice from Amazon, Ward-Brodt Music Mall, or Grace Coffee.
  - (One winner only will be selected from all five orchestras.)