

A high-angle photograph of a youth orchestra performing on a stage. The musicians are seated in various sections, including strings, woodwinds, and brass. A conductor is visible in the lower-left foreground, gesturing towards the ensemble. The stage floor is light-colored wood, and the background features a large, illuminated circular light fixture. The text 'WBYO' is overlaid in red, with 'Western Balkans Youth Orchestra' in white below it.

WBYO
Western Balkans
Youth Orchestra

Playing the future

BE EMBRACED - SUMMER 2026

A Symphonic Journey Across the Balkans and Europe

July 28 - September 14, 2026

MORE THAN MUSIC

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Mission:

An Immersive, life-changing orchestral and chamber music experience connecting young professional musicians from the Western Balkans, the EU, and beyond.

THE 2026 REPERTOIRE

Ludwig van Beethoven

Egmont Overture, Op. 84

Richard Wagner

Tannhäuser Overture

Paul Dukas

The Sorcerer's Apprentice

George Enescu

Romanian Rhapsody No.1

Benjamin Britten

The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra

Ottorin Respighi

Pines of Rome



PROFESSIONAL GROWTH & MENTORSHIP

THE RESIDENCIES

Two intensive training periods:

- Shkodra, Albania (Project Start)
- Essen, Germany (Mid-Point)

THE EDUCATION

Masterclasses in orchestra playing with professional lecturers from Austria, Germany, Italy, North Macedonia, Scotland, and Serbia

THE GRAND TOUR BY THE NUMBERS



48

Days together with the WBYO Family

14

Symphonic Concerts

05

Chamber Music Concerts

10,200+

Total Audience Capacity

THE BALKAN ROUTE

JULY 29 - AUGUST 27



- **Shkodra, Albania**
Residency: July 29 - Aug 13
- **Kotor, Montenegro**
Cinema Square: Aug 15
- **Ohrid, North Macedonia**
Roman Amphitheatre: Aug 17
- **Skopje, North Macedonia**
Kursumli Ann: Aug 19
- **Prishtina, Kosovo**
Concert: Aug 21
- **Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina**
National Theatre: Aug 25
- **Novi Sad, Serbia**
Synagogue: Aug 27

THE GERMAN FINALE

AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 14

• Essen
Residency: Aug 28 - Sept 03

• Aachen
City Theater: Sept 05

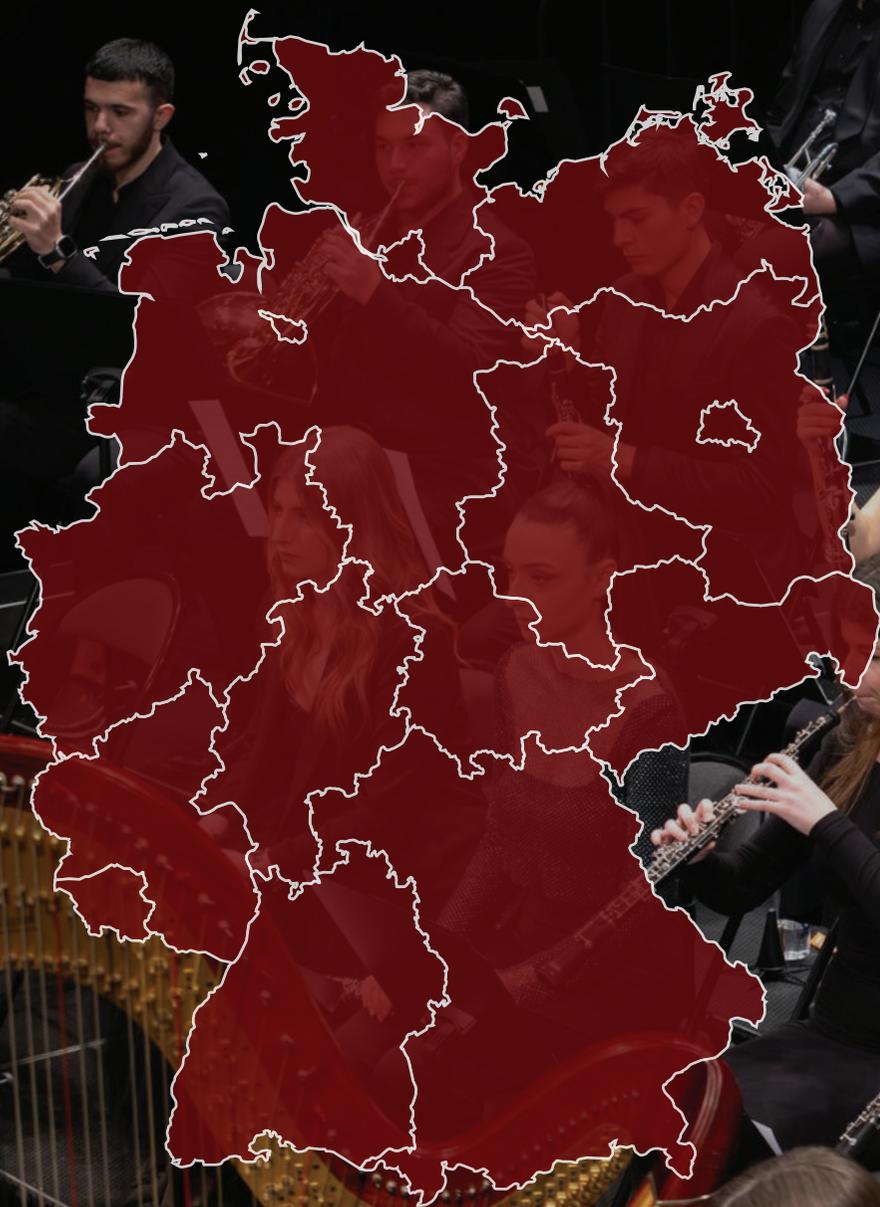
• Aub
Frelichtbühne: Sept 09

• Essen
VHS Concer Hall: Sept 11

• Dortmund
OrchesterZentrum NRW:
Sept 11 (Chamber)

• Essen
Philharmonie Essen: Sept 12

• Oberhausen
Luise-Albertz-Halle: Sept 13



YOUR PROFILE

ORCHESTRA MEMBERS

- Age: 16-27 (BY SEPT14, 2026)
- Education: High or advanced level of musical education
- Capacity: Up to 70 musicians

CONCERT MASTER

- Age: Up to 30 years old
- Requirements: Exceptional violinists demonstrating leadership, technical mastery, and musicality

Open to musicians from the Western Balkans (WB6), the EU, and beyond.

FULLY FUNDED EXPERIENCE



Travel

Expenses to/from
residencies covered



Accommodation

Hotel or Youth Centres
stays provided



Meals

Daily meal
allowances.



Tuition

Full Scholarship for
all masterclasses.



HOW TO APPLY

- Complete Online Application Form
- CV with Musical Experience
- Personal Statement
- Photo (min Full Hd)
- Video Link (Unlisted)



Application Form

Selection Process:

Reviewed by WBYO lecturers and conductor.

Notification within 15 working days of deadline.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Format: One or more unlisted videolinks (Youtube/Vimeo/Drive)

Content Requirements:

- **Showcase your best technical performance.**
- **Orchestra excerpts selected from the WBYO 2026 concert program**



Orchestra Exerpts

**Technical Tip: Ensure high audio quality.
Clear visibility of hands and instrument**

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