Kansas University Symphony Orchestra (KUSO) is the primary orchestral organization in the School of Music. The KUSO is open by audition to all students regardless of their majors.

The KUSO studies and performs standard orchestral repertoire from the Baroque through 21st century, as well as occasional premieres of new works.

Concerts often feature a concerto or other solo work with faculty, student or guest soloists. KUSO musicians often appear in selected KU Opera small performances and the joint productions with KU Theatre for the staging of full operas and musical theatre. The KUSO performs the annual tradition Holiday Vespers to sell-out crowds. Additionally, students have the opportunity to compete in the annual concerto competition.

Learn how to join at music.ku.edu/orchestra
KU ORCHESTRA AND STRINGS

The Strings Division is comprised of nationally and internationally recognized faculty. Students study with faculty who are in demand as featured soloists with orchestras and chamber ensembles throughout the United States and the world, and who are equally active as university faculty and master class teachers. KU Strings faculty members have wide experience in symphonic and chamber music, as well as an extensive list of solo performances. KU string alumni have gone on to important teaching and performance careers and have appeared as soloists with orchestras throughout the region, as well as nationally.

“I never expected to learn and grow as much as I have in the Orchestra and Strings program.”
Casey Gregory Violin Performance ’17 | McPherson, KS