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First Steps in Music This program introduces Vermont's youngest children to the joy of music through singing, instruments, and movement. The program nurtures early musical development and inspires a lifelong connection to music.

February and May 2026 Young musicians from the Vermont Youth Orchestra perform side-by-side with the VSO onstage and in our lobbies, gaining real-world experience while sharing their talent with our audiences.

Student Insiders: March 2026 Middle and high school students attend VSO concerts for free, exploring the orchestra and repertoire with prep materials and special events. This season: Made in Vermont at Southern Vermont Arts Center in Manchester (November 2025), and Disney in Concert at the Paramount Theater in Rutland (March 2026).

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Winter 2025/26 Each year the VSO partners with Music-COMP to provide composition instruction and mentorship with professional Vermont composers, on site in public schools across the state. For the fall of 2025 into spring 2026, VSO musicians will work with Hazen Union students in Hardwick, culminating in a public concert of the students' new compositions.

December 2025 & February 2026 Two Music-COMP students will receive world premieres of their compositions with the VSO's Brass Quintet & Counterpoint tour and the Farmers' Night concert.

July 2026 The Musical Petting Zoo is a key experience for kids (and adults!) of all ages with our Summer Festival Tour! Each summer the zoo visits our tour stops around the state, providing audiences with an opportunity to learn about and play musical instruments.

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Contact VSO Education Coordinator Hannah Hansen
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