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Welcome Back!

TYSA's 2021-2022 season has begun in stunning fashion and we are overjoyed with the opportunity to be "in person" once again. Moreover, as a result of our online rehearsals, sectionals, ensembles, recitals, lectures and masterclasses our students have not only maintained but they have remarkably improved their skills throughout the pandemic. The TYSA staff, through their herculean efforts, kept our students engaged and hopeful all last season. Consequently, we were able to "hit the ground running", ready and prepared to begin this season.

TYSA students are typically recruited by the top universities and conservatories across the country. Indeed, we recently received an award from Stanford University for the excellent preparation that the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association provides to prepare its student for higher learning. Not only do our students strive for musical excellence, but they also gain an increasing insight into the social, cultural and ethnic diversity from which the music is created, and therefore learn to play with cultural authenticity.

Each year we focus on music that originates from one of 7 regions; France, England, Germany etc. This season we celebrate the Music of the Americas. In our TYS May concert we will present the North American premiere of Chilean composer José Aranda's exciting Viola Concerto, performed by Joyce Ramee. That same concert will also feature one of our own country's most internationally renowned compositions, Appalachian Spring by Aaron Copland.

In March, the Youth Symphony will perform two musical versions of the plight of Romeo and Juliet, the first by Tchaikovsky and the second by Bernstein-Symphonic Dances from West Side Story. Also on that program will be the Concerto for Horn and Orchestra composed by the American Prize Honored Artist winner, Lee Actor. It will be performed by Jeffery Snedeker.

It is so wonderful to be back! Please come join all of our orchestras and ensembles in performance. While it is always exciting to see youth in action, coming back together again after being apart for so long will provide an even greater energy and JOY!

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Paul-Elliott Cobbs



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Special thanks to Weddermann Architecture for sponsoring the 2021 A Night at the Movies Costume Concert!

Are you interested in sponsoring a TYSA concert this season or next? Do you work for a company that might do concert sponsorships? Please contact Minna Stelzner, Engagement Manager, at mstelzner@tysamusic.org for information about sponsoring concerts.

A Night at the Movies Costume Concert Saturday, October 30 5:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. @ Urban Grace



Featuring music from: Les Miserables The Avengers Movies The Wizard of Oz Raiders of the Lost Ark and Star Wars!



Tickets are \$20; family packs of 4 tickets are available for \$70. Go to www.tysamusic.org to order tickets or call (253) 627-2792.

TYSA Make a Difference Community Ticket Sponsorship

As we return to in-person rehearsals and performances TYSA is excited to be starting new programs that allow us to expand our reach into the community. This fall TYSA started the Tacoma Youth Violin Program and we will soon be starting a ukulele program in partnership with the Oasis Center.

One of the programs we are most excited about is the Make a Difference Community Ticket Sponsorship, which we are inaugurating with the upcoming Costume Concert. Individuals or organizations can donate the cost of 12 tickets (for 10 undeserved students and 2 for chaperones) to be distributed to an organization of their choice or chosen by the TYSA staff. We have four wonderful donors who have chosen to help underserved youth attend the Costume Concert on October 30. To those who have donated, thank you for helping to make this program possible!



Giving Tuesday is November 30, 2021!

Last year TYSA participated in our first Giving Tuesday campaign and thanks to your generosity, we made twice our original goal. We will be participating again this year and as part of our Giving Tuesday campaign, we will be partnering with the Emergency Food Network to host a food drive on Super Saturday, December 11. Stay tuned for more details about Giving Tuesday and about the Emergency Food Network food drive.

Join us for an evening of chamber music,

Saturday, January 22, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church

901 N. J St, Tacoma, 98403

Admission is Free

The Tacoma Youth Symphony Association is proud to be a part of Tacoma Arts Month this October. Tacoma Arts Month is dedicated to showcasing the very best about our community. Celebrate art. Create community. Find out more at www.TacomaArtsMonth.com



Mark Your Calendars

2021-2022 Season

October 30, 2021 5:00 & 7:30 P.M. Costume Concert Sponsored by Weddermann Architecture

November 20, 2021, 7:00 P.M. Tacoma Youth Symphony Sponsored by University of Puget Sound School of Music

> December 11, 2021, 1:00 P.M. Tacoma String Symphony/ Tacoma String Philharmonia Sponsored by Barrett Family Dental

December 11, 2021, 7:00 P.M. Tacoma Young Artists Orchestra/ Tacoma Junior Youth Symphony Tacoma Youth Brass Ensemble

January 22, 2022, 7:00 P.M. Chamber Ensemble Recital Immanuel Presbyterian Church

February 13, 2022 2:00 P.M. Concerto Spotlight Concert Museum of Glass

March 5, 2022, 7:00 P.M. Tacoma Youth Symphony Tacoma Chamber Winds Guest Artist Sponsored by Brooke Scholl, Opus 3 Artists

> March 19, 2022, 1:00 P.M. Discover Music Family Concert Free Community Concert!

April 30, 2022, 1:00 P.M. Tacoma String Symphony/ Tacoma String Philharmonia

May 14, 2022, 7:00 P.M. Tacoma Young Artists Orchestra/ Tacoma Junior Youth Symphony Tacoma Youth Brass Ensemble

Sunday, May 22, 2022, 3:00 P.M. Rialto Theater Tacoma Youth Symphony

All performances are located at Urban Grace unless otherwise listed. For more information or to purchase tickets go to www.tysamusic.org. Season support has been provided by:





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