CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. PAUL-ELLIOTT COBBS!

Dr. Paul-Elliott Cobbs was inducted into the Washington Music Education Association’s Hall of Fame on February 17. Dr. Cobbs also conducted the Junior All-State Orchestra as part of the 2022 All-State Festival in Yakima. The Washington Music Educators Hall of Fame was established by the WMEA Executive Board in 1998 to give recognition for exceptional support, inspiration and outstanding contributions to the growth and development of music education, both public and private, in the state of Washington. Dr. Cobbs joins past TYSA conductors Stanley Chapple, C. Irvin Wright, Karla Epperson and Dale Johnson as WMEA Hall of Fame members. We are so thankful to have musicians and teachers of this caliber as mentors for our TYSA students!

WELCOME NEW TYSA FACULTY MEMBERS, KAREN HELSETH AND ALONSO TIRADO!

Karen Helseth is thrilled to be joining the TYSA faculty as conductor of TSS. She found early inspiration toward a career in music education through her experience as a student in the Everett Youth Symphony under the direction of Dr. Paul-Elliott Cobbs. Ms. Helseth believes that youth symphony programs are a vital part of the music education community. They provide an opportunity for motivated young musicians to experience a high level of rigor, pursue excellence, and explore their passion for music amongst like-minded peers. The knowledge and skills they develop through their weekly rehearsals empower them to serve as leaders in their school music programs, mentoring other students to reach their fullest potential.

During her career spanning 25 years, Ms. Helseth has taught orchestra in grades 5-12, as well as IB Music, Guitar, and History of Rock and Roll. She currently teaches orchestra in grades 7-12 at Shorewood High School and Einstein Middle School in the Shoreline School district and has previously taught in the Edmonds and Federal Way School Districts.

Alonso Tirado will be taking over as one of the teachers in the Tacoma Young Violin Program. He is a violin, drum set, guitar and ukulele teacher at Cappella Music Academy. He received a Bachelor’s degree in music education from the University of Puget Sound in 2020. Alonso began his musical education as a student in the Auburn School District in Auburn, WA, as well as a member of the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association throughout his middle-school and high-school years. It was during his years working with the amazing educators of TYSA as well as the fabulous music teachers of the Auburn School District that Alonso witnessed the profound impact that engaging and dedicated teachers make to a student’s musical education, and he strives to provide that for all of his students. Alonso has played as a freelance musician for service and community orchestras and musical theaters in the greater Seattle - Tacoma area and spends a part of his summers teaching at the Lake Samish Music Camp.
2022 HAS ALREADY BEEN A BUSY YEAR FOR TYSA!
LOOK AT ALL OF THE GREAT THINGS WE’VE BEEN UP TO!

2022 started out with Symphony Tacoma Masterclasses on January 8, our very first rehearsal of the New Year. The still new Tacoma Young Violins Program expanded to the Annie Wright School. TYSA’s other new program, The Tacoma Community Ukulele Project (TCUP) is currently on hold because of Covid restrictions at the Oasis Center but should be starting soon. Ensembles from TYSA performed at Old Town Classical Tuesdays on January 11 and then the Chamber Ensemble Concert was Saturday, January 22. TYSA co-sponsored the Ensemble Mik Nawooj concert at the University of Puget Sound on February 5. And, soloists from all of TYSA’s orchestras performed in a Concerto Spotlight Concert at the Museum of Glass on February 19.

Be sure to look ahead to see more great events coming up in the next two months!

TACOMA YOUTH SYMPHONY CONCERT
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 7:00 P.M. AT URBAN GRACE

The concert features Tchaikovsky’s Romeo and Juliet Overture and The Symphonic Dances from West Side Story as well as soloist, Jeffrey Snedeker, French horn, and student soloist, Karl Falskow. The Tacoma Chamber Winds will also be performing!
Go to www.tysamusic.org to purchase tickets today!
Discover Music Concert!

Join us for this FREE community event! Meet the instruments of the orchestra as the Tacoma Youth Symphony plays Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. Get ready for exciting selections from the scores of *The Avengers* and *Star Wars*! All ages welcome.

Saturday, March 19, 2022
1:00PM at Urban Grace
902 Market St
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May 14, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
Tacoma Junior Youth Symphony
Tacoma Youth Brass Ensemble
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Sunday, May 22, 2022, 3:00 P.M.
Rialto Theater
Tacoma Youth Symphony
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