
Happy Retirement, Dr. Loma Cobbs!

For nearly three decades, Dr. Loma Cobbs has been the Executive Director for the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association and has successfully managed and sustained our organization through half of its life. In 2020 the Board of Trustees accepted her plan to retire with sadness and understanding. She has done remarkable work leading our organization through good and bad times with tight financial control, steadfast loyalty, high integrity, and a love for the students.

Dr. Loma Cobbs is a Tacoma native and has supported many local civic and educational organizations as well as TYSA. Her passion for motivating youth to strive for and achieve excellence has served TYSA well over the years. She has shared our story and her experience with youth orchestra education and management nationally and locally with speaking engagements at the University of Washington, Harvard in Cambridge, and American Symphony Orchestra League's National Conventions, to name a few.


The Tacoma Youth Symphony Association received growing national recognition under her steady leadership, from New York to Boston to Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles. Students have excelled in professional roles in music as well as other professions around North America and beyond. She has consistently ensured that every student wanting to join TYSA has that opportunity. She has shared with her staff the belief that TYSA creates an opportunity for students to excel as musicians and as leaders in our community. We are grateful for Loma's dedication to our children's musical education and for sustaining this organization for the benefit of future generations.

Congratulations, Loma! On behalf of the 1,000's of TYSA students, parents, teachers, local and National community music educators and leaders we wish you well in your retirement and all of your future endeavors. Thank you for your service to The Tacoma Youth Symphony Association.

DR. PAUL-ELLIOTT COBBS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO
JOIN US FOR OUR 2021-2022 SEASON. STAY TUNED FOR
FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT OUR UPCOMING
59TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON.



Welcome to new Executive Director, Dr. Anna Jensen!



It is with much enthusiasm we welcome Dr. Anna Jensen as the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association's new Executive Director. We are thankful to both Dr. Loma Cobbs and Dr. Anna Jensen for their succession planning and the thorough transition work they have both engaged with over the past several years and more intensely the past twelve months. Dr. Anna Jensen is a consummate musician, teacher, learner, and leader and has proven herself to be innovative and industrious over the past 15 years with The Tacoma Youth Symphony Association. She brings over 15 years of nonprofit arts administrative experience from her roles at the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association, Symphony Tacoma, and the Evergreen Music Festival. Dr. Jensen is excited to work closely with Music Director, Dr. Paul-Elliott Cobbs, in this new role.

With 20+ years in performance and education, Dr. Jensen develops an instant rapport with youth of all types, quickly establishing a sense of trust and shared respect that makes learning comfortable and effective. From instructing students at a Big Ten university—to developing curriculum for preschoolers—to coaching underserved teen players—Anna Jensen is keenly perceptive and gifted at quickly pivoting and adapting a lesson so it can be received by anyone. **She builds students' music skills; but more importantly, she builds self-efficacy.**

Dr. Jensen is the assistant principal bassist of Symphony Tacoma, the principal bassist of the Tacoma Opera Orchestra, and regularly performs with orchestras across the region. She has performed with the Second City Chamber Music Series, the Icicle Creek Chamber Music Festival, the Kairos Music Festival and Lyceum, the Rackham Chamber Music Series, and the All Rivers at Once contemporary music series. Dr. Jensen has been the featured soloist with the Evergreen Philharmonic Orchestra, the Lake Chelan Bach Festival Orchestra, the Wenatchee Symphony Orchestra, and the Tacoma Young Artists Orchestra. Her vast interest in contemporary music has brought about numerous new chamber music works for the double bass and she has presented the world premieres. Dr. Jensen has won the Spokane Allied Arts Young Artist Competition, the Helen Snelling Crowe Competition, and was a finalist in the American String Teachers Association National Solo Competition.

Her passion for music translates to her deep involvement in education. In addition to instructing positions at Pacific Lutheran University and Central Washington University, Dr. Jensen teaches double bass and music theory at the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association and maintains a large private studio. She has been the education specialist for the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association for the past 15 years and is the festival manager for the Evergreen Music Festival. She has taught at The Marrowstone Music Festival, The Hammond Ashley Double Bass Workshop, and The Icicle Creek Summer Symphony Program. Her double bass students have placed in the top three at the state level numerous times and frequently win concerto competitions across the region.

Receiving her doctorate in musical arts degree in double bass performance at the University of Michigan, she studied with Dr. Diana Gannett and was a graduate student instructor. She holds degrees from the University of Michigan (DMA and MM) and Central Washington University (BM) and has been the recipient of the Mildred Tuttle Fellowship, the Farrell Merit Scholarship-Grant and was awarded the Presser Scholar. When not performing or teaching, Anna can be found making mud pies with her four young children, hiking in the woods, or encouraging her own family's improvisational skills and joy of music!

Please welcome Dr. Anna Jensen to the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association as our new Executive Director.

The 2021 Evergreen Music Festival

TYSA's Summer Music Camp for string, woodwind, brass and percussion musicians, ages 8—21.

Back in person this year!



Session I

July 26—30, 2021

Pacific Lutheran University

Grade 3—8 string, woodwind, brass and percussion musicians are invited to join us for a fun-filled day camp.

Session II

August 2—6, 2021

University Place Presbyterian Church

Grade 9 through age 21 string, woodwind, brass and percussion musicians are invited to join us for an amazing musical learning experience.



Go to www.tysamusic.org today for more information or to register!

Annual Meeting May 15, 2021 10:00 A.M.

The TYSA Board of Trustees will virtually hold the Annual Meeting on May 15. The meeting will be held through Microsoft Virtual Teams. If you wish to attend the Annual Meeting, please contact Kristina Thomas for the meeting link at marketing@tysamusic.org.



Congratulations, Class of 2021!

Carter Archuleta	Rebekah Lee
Johnathan Baccus	Joel Lee
Veer Bhagia	Jane "Kiki" Lee
Cameron Camp	John Magira
Maya Cheam	Madeline Markham
Madeline Christensen	Zachary Martin
Madeline Cline	Hadiya McCallum
Ashlyn Crocker	Hanna Moon-Earle
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Kathleen Julca	Brock Salatino
Tabitha Kemp	Samantha Schick
Na Hee Kim	Semira Vinson
Joshua Kim	Thea Weinbeck
Iona Larson	

Seniors, we want to feature you on the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association Facebook and Instagram pages. Please send us a picture, how long you have been in TYSA, a favorite memory from your time with us and your plans for next year and beyond. Send your information to Kristina Thomas at marketing@tysamusic.org. We are so proud of each one of you and the things that you have accomplished! Thank you for the time you have spent with us!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The Tacoma Youth Symphony Association staff would like to thank all of our Tacoma Youth Symphony families. The last 15 months have been full of uncertainty and difficulty and we have all had to adjust, adapt and persevere together. Thank you so much to our students and to the parents of our students who have hung in there with us over this last year and have been willing to give virtual rehearsals and performances a try! Thank you for the pictures you have shared of students participating virtually and all of the encouraging comments you have sent our way!

Thank you to all of the students who participated in Warm Winter Wishes during the holidays. Thank you to the family members who helped record the Warm Winter Wishes videos. Those videos helped to “make” the holidays for a number of people this year!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who came into the office in November for a socially distanced bulk mail party and for the volunteers who helped with the drive-by bulk mail party. Your help is always appreciated, but this year, it was more welcome than ever!

Thank you to all of you who have donated this year. In the midst of all of the economic upheaval caused by the pandemic your donations are more appreciated than ever! Special thanks to all who made our first Giving Tuesday such a success and for those who donated through the GiveBig campaign.

Thank you to the 5 mentors who coached Tacoma String Symphony each week without missing a single week: Thea Weinbeck, Ashlyn Crocker, Kate Everling, Nicholas Li and Madeline Cline. Thank you to all of the Symphony Tacoma musicians who coached for us this year.

Despite all of the restrictions that have been in place this year that have kept us apart, we have truly accomplished remarkable things together! The 2020-2021 Season has been a year that all of us can be proud of. Thank you to all who have helped to make it happen!

Washington GiveBig May 4-5, 2021

TYSA participated in the GiveBig campaign this year to raise money to help bring back TYSA students who have been economically impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to your generosity, we raised over \$5,300! Thank you so much for donating and for helping to spread the word. If you would still like to give, you can donate through the TYSA website, www.tysamusic.org. Thank you!



Join us on Facebook and Instagram. We post TYSA updates, pictures and videos on both pages. Check out the videos of our 2 recently streamed in-person concerts on the TYSA Facebook page and join us on Facebook Live on May 22 for the TYAO/TJYS Season Finale and the TYS Season Finale! Check us out at facebook.com/TacomaYouthSymphonyAssociation and Instagram.com/tacomayouthsymphony

Upcoming Concerts!

TYSA presented 2 in-person, livestreamed concerts, the TSS/TSP Season Finale on April 24 and a Concerto Spotlight Concert on May 1. Both can be viewed on the TYSA Facebook page. There are 2 more opportunities to see TYSA livestreamed performances on Saturday, May 22. The TYAO/TJYS hybrid orchestra will perform its season finale concert on May 22 at 12:30 P.M. TYS will perform its season finale concert on May 22 at 3:00 P.M. So, grab a snack, find a comfortable seat in the comfort of your own living room and join us on Facebook Live on May 22 to see these amazing students perform!

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