



## ANNOUNCING THE NEW TACOMA WIND PHILHARMONIC!

For years the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association offered the Symphonic Wind Arts Training program (SWAT) to help prepare emerging wind players for symphonic music. Because of decreased numbers, particularly due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, this program had to be discontinued but we are pleased to announce a completely revamped Tacoma Wind Philharmonic (TWP)! This new TYSA ensemble is designed for wind, brass, and percussion students with at least one year of playing experience. We are excited to welcome John M. Wetherington back to the TYSA conducting team to lead this group! Joining Mr. Wetherington is an all-star coaching staff including Kate Mondragon, Ainsley Holz, Gianna DeBolt, Cori Smith, Eric Spring, and Geoff Smith. Auditions for this new group will take place on Tuesday, August 23, and we are scheduling auditions now. If you know an emerging woodwind, brass, or percussion student who would like to be a part of this group, go to [www.tysamusic.org](http://www.tysamusic.org) to submit an audition form and then follow the instructions on the website to schedule an audition appointment.

## TYS WILL PRESENT THE U.S. PREMIERE OF JOSÉ ARANDA'S *FOUR SCENES FOR VIOLA*

On Sunday, May 22, the Tacoma Youth Symphony will present its season finale, "Songs of the Americas". The program will feature violist Joyce Ramée in the United States premiere of *Four Scenes for Viola* by Chilean composer, José Aranda. Aranda has spent his career as a clarinetist, composer and conductor, working with diverse chamber ensembles and orchestras throughout Chile; he has also taught extensively in multiple schools throughout Chile. The *Four Scenes* are based on landscapes of southern Chile and Aranda has stated that the work "is inspired by feelings of a deep love for Chilean-ness." The composer was particularly inspired by the Mapuche people of south-central Chile and southwestern Argentina and each of the movements of the piece have Mapuche names.

It is a pleasure to welcome Joyce Ramée back to the TYSA stage. Ms. Ramée's TYSA association goes back to the early nineties when she managed the Evergreen Music Festival; she has also been a frequent performer with TYSA orchestras over the years. A graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, Ms. Ramée was a student of Max Aronoff and Joseph dePasquale. She has been on the faculty at the University of Puget Sound since 1987 and, in 1990, she co-founded the Max Aronoff Viola Institute and remained the Institute Director throughout the 28 year history of this nationally-renowned educational program.

The concert will also feature Finnish born soprano, Heidi Kankaanpää, in several of Copland's *Old American Songs*. Another familiar face to TYSA audiences, Ms. Kankaanpää has toured Italy with the Everett Symphony and has been soloist with the Pori Philharmonic in Finland, the Bremerton Symphony, the Southwest Washington Youth Symphony, the Tacoma Junior Youth Symphony, the Tacoma Young Artists Orchestra, and the Tacoma Youth Symphony.

Join the Tacoma Youth Symphony as they return to the historic Rialto Theater and explore the Songs of the Americas! Tickets are \$15 prior to the concert and \$18 at the door. Go to [www.tysamusic.org](http://www.tysamusic.org) for more information or to purchase tickets.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022!



Sam Abraham  
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Riley Skager  
Cassidy Stanhope  
Reagan Swinth  
Abigail Tarekegn  
Colin Watson  
Abby Whitemarsh  
Nate Widmann  
Jason Wu

These past two years have been difficult for all of us, but especially for our youth. To all of our seniors, thank you for hanging in there with us through virtual concerts and performances and for jumping right back in as we returned to being fully in-person this year. Thank you for mentoring younger students, both in TYS and in the younger orchestras. We have watched you Adjust, Adapt and Persevere since spring, 2020, and this year, we have watched you SOAR! We wish you all the best in wherever life takes you. Come back and visit often! There will always be a place for you in the TYSA family!

# KEEP THE MUSIC GOING THIS SUMMER WITH TYSA'S SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAMS!



HAMMOND ASHLEY DOUBLE BASS  
WORKSHOP AND CAMP  
PRESENTED BY THE TACOMA YOUTH SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION

JULY 5-8, 2022  
PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

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The 2022 Evergreen Music Festival  
TYSA's Summer Music Camp For String, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion  
Musicians, Ages 8-21, and Choral Musicians, grades 5-8.

Session I July 25 - 29, 2022  
Pacific Lutheran University

Grades 3 - 8 string, woodwind, brass, and percussion  
musicians are invited to join us for a fun-filled day camp.  
NEW THIS YEAR! In collaboration with Tacoma Youth Chorus,  
we are thrilled to offer a choral program for students grades 5-8.



Session II August 8 - 12, 2022  
University of Puget Sound

Grade 9 through age 21 string, woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians  
are invited to join us for an extended day camp. Featuring fun activities  
including faculty recital, EMF talent show, and more!

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## INTRODUCING TYSA'S FIRST ANNUAL SYMPHONIC JAZZ WORKSHOP!



August 2-4, 2022  
Tacoma Theaters Studio 3  
For all instruments Grade 8-age 21.

For more information about any of these  
programs, go to [www.tysamusic.org](http://www.tysamusic.org)



# *Thank you!*

This has been an incredible year! Coming back to in-person after Covid, TYSA didn't just pick up where we left off in early 2020 but we have actually expanded our programs and our reach into the community. The TYSA administrative staff consists of 2 full-time staff members and 5 part-time staff. None of what we do is possible without our incredible volunteers! Thank you to all who helped with the TYSA Trivia Night Fundraiser, the Discover Music Concert, and our run-outs to Victorian Country Christmas, the Tacoma Art Museum, and the Eastside Community Center. Thank you to all of our wonderful concert volunteers, both those who planned to help out and those who were willingly drafted at the door when a volunteer wasn't able to show up. Thank you to the parents who helped our Picture Day run smoothly and to everyone who helped with mailings. Thank you to our wonderful Board of Trustees who have worked so hard to make this year a success and to ensure the future of TYSA. Thank you to the parents who support the students and help to make a music education possible for their children. And thank you to our incredible students for providing joyful reminders each week of why we do this! We so appreciate our entire TYSA Family!

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## *Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Volunteers of Note, Brian Capron and Shawna Reidl, and Student Volunteer of Note, Riley Skager*

**Brian Capron** and **Shawna Reidl** are the Orchestra Parents for the Tacoma Youth Symphony this year and served in a similar role before the Covid-19 pandemic. Their daughter, Ellie, is a cellist. Most of the time orchestra parents watch the orchestras and then help out as needed but Brian and Shawna have been willing to do whatever is needed. They routinely help move percussion equipment and the conductor's chair, help out after concerts, they have helped with mailings and folding programs and, probably most importantly to the students in TYS, they bring snacks each week! Dr. Cobbs said of Brian and Shawna that they are "invested in TYSA. They have been very supportive of ALL of the students."

**Riley Skager** is a percussionist in TYS and is a senior this year at Stadium High School. Riley is also known for being willing to help in any way possible, but especially through mentoring the younger percussionists. Riley's mentoring began at the Evergreen Music Festival where they did an amazing job with the younger kids. As a mentor, Riley is supportive but also gentle and is able to keep the younger percussionists engaged while they learn. In addition to EMF, Riley also mentors each week at the TY/TJ rehearsals and those young percussionists have made a lot of progress this year, largely due to Riley's mentorship. At this point all of the other percussionists in TYSA have been mentored at one time or another by Riley. As Rehearsal Assistant Heidi Davidson said, "Riley is a good role model for younger students, and a good leader in the TYS percussion section." Education Manager, Tommy Hawthorne, said this: "Riley is an amazing mentor to our younger musicians throughout camp and our regular season, providing inspired momentum to their musical development and cultivating TYSA's familial culture of sharing and respect." All of this time mentoring has led Riley to chose to major in Music Education next year.

We wish all the best to Brian and Shawna as Ellie graduates this year and to Riley, who is also graduating this year. Come back and see us often!

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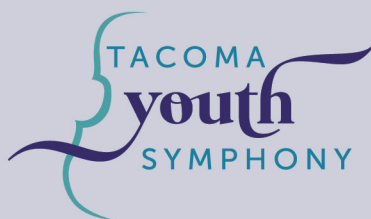


## SAVE THE DATE FOR GIVEBIG! MAY 3-4!

During this statewide fundraising campaign, individuals and organizations come together across Washington to invest in our community. Now through May 4 you can help to support the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association as we expand our summer music programs!

We want to make our summer programs, including the Hammond Ashley Bass Workshop, Evergreen Music Festival with the new choral "track" and our brand-new Symphonic Jazz Workshop, accessible to ALL students, regardless of their financial situation and YOU CAN HELP!

Our goal is to make summer music programs accessible to every student. Help us by helping to spread the word or by donating at <https://www.wagives.org/organization/TacomaYouthSymphonyAssociation>. Even a donation of \$10-\$20 will help. Remember, when we all work together, we can make a BIG difference!



**TYSA 2022 SEASON AUDITIONS**  
**AUGUST 17-24, 2022**  
**APPLY TODAY [www.tysamusic.org](http://www.tysamusic.org)**

**TYSA ANNUAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY MAY 21, 2022 9:00-9:30 A.M.**

**JONES BUILDING FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Come join us as we wrap up our 2021-2022 Season. All are welcome!**



# Mark Your Calendars

## 2021-2022 Season

**April 30, 2022, 1:00 P.M.**

Tacoma Young Violin Program  
Tacoma String Symphony  
Tacoma String Philharmonia

*Sponsored by the Florence Kilworth Foundation*

**May 14, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

Tacoma Young Artists/Junior Youth Symphony  
Tacoma Youth Brass Ensemble  
*Sponsored by Tacoma Creates*

**Sunday, May 22, 2022, 3:00 P.M.**

**Rialto Theater**

Tacoma Youth Symphony  
*Sponsored by the Hougum Family Foundation*

All performances are located at Urban Grace unless otherwise listed. For more information or to purchase tickets go to [www.tysamusic.org](http://www.tysamusic.org).

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