



T-Town Chamber Music Festival and Institute

Here Comes the Summer (Music)!

Summer is coming and TYSA has some great things in store. We will kick off the season with the T-Town Chamber Music Festival and Institute at Pacific Lutheran University starting on June 22. The Chamber Music Festival and Institute, formerly at Icicle Creek, will offer three incredible weeks of masterclasses and performances throughout the Puget Sound region and North Central Cascades. Stay tuned for a full performance schedule.

Nothing says summer like baseball! Last year, the Tacoma Youth Brass Ensemble was invited to perform the National Anthem at the biggest Tacoma Rainier's game of the season. TYBE has been invited back. They will be performing at Cheney Stadium on July 3 as the Rainiers take on the Salt Lake City Bees. The game will be followed by fireworks.

TYSA will host its fourth annual TYSA and Friends Music Walk on Wednesday, July 9 at 6:00 PM. The walk starts at Theater on the Square Park and participants walk through the Theater District, Antique Row, and Opera Alley with stops along the way for performances from local musicians and musical organizations. The walk is part of Downtown on the Goes Walk Tacoma series and many regular Walk Tacoma participants have reported that it is their favorite walk in the series. After the half mile walk, TYSA's Board of Directors treats participants to ice cream and popsicles. The walk is free but pre-registration is required. Watch TYSA's social media to see when registration opens.

In 1984 TYSA offered its first music camp, the Evergreen Music Festival at the Evergreen State College in Olympia. EMF soon grew to offer a second week - a day camp - for elementary and middle/junior high school students. Today, TYSA offers four summer camps with something for every music student! The TYSA-Hammond Ashley Bass Workshop kicks off summer camp season June 30-July 3 at Pacific Lutheran University. The workshop offers an immersive study of the double bass to double bass students of all ages and abilities. Bass Workshop also offers an in-service opportunity to school orchestra teachers who would like to sharpen their double bass skills. Session 1 of the Evergreen Music Festival is July 14-18 at PLU. This fun-filled day camp is designed for string, woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians entering grades 2-8. This year, Session 1 will offer a beginning string orchestra for kids ages 6-12. Session 2 of the Evergreen Music Festival is an amazing overnight camp for musicians entering grade 9 through age 21. It will be July 20-26 at Central Washington University. Our newest summer music camp option is the Summer Jazz Orchestra, which runs July 31-August 3 in Tacoma City Theaters. All instrumentalists entering grade 8 through age 21 are invited to take part in this workshop which celebrates jazz! Students learn about the unique history of jazz through hands-on musical experiences, guest performances, oral traditions and a final performance for the public in the Spanish Ballroom at McMenamins Elks Temple.

Summer is also a great time to learn the ukulele or take part in a drum circle in a park or community center around Tacoma. Stay tuned for information about these free community music learning opportunities.





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Bass Workshop
June 30-July 3, 2025
Pacific Lutheran University



Evergreen Music Festival
Session 1 July 14-18, 2025
Pacific Lutheran University



Summer Jazz Orchestra
July 31-August 3, 2025
Tacoma City Theaters



Evergreen Music Festival
Session 2 July 20-26, 2025
Central Washington University



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Congratulations to the Class of 2025!



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Alyx Triebel
Brooke VanRavenswaay
Richie Vuthy
Henry Williams
Joanna Yan
Ellen Yeary
Percy Zizak

Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors! Thank you for your musicianship and for the inspiration you provide to the younger students in our organization. Thank you for mentoring, volunteering to help with auditions, summer camps, and SOF. Thank you for helping to make each Saturday a joy. We wish you all the best as you head to college next year and wherever life leads you. Remember, you are ALWAYS a part of this TYSA family. Stay in touch and come back to visit often.

Spring Runouts and Events

It's been a busy spring for our TYSA students and staff! In March, the string section from the Tacoma Youth Symphony played in a side-by-side concert with Symphony Tacoma. March was the month for collaborations; select string players from TYSA also performed in two side-by-side concerts with the Northwest Sinfonietta. March 29 brought the return of everyone's favorite event, Trivia Night. The evening at the Yacht Club featured delicious food and drinks, three fun rounds of trivia, and some fabulous auction items. The best part is that all proceeds from the evening went directly to help the students and programs of TYSA.

The Symphonic Orchestra Festival took place on March 20-21. This 2 day festival brought middle school, junior high, and high school orchestras to the University of Puget Sound campus. Each school orchestra had the opportunity to perform and then work with a TYSA conductor. Students also had the opportunity to join with other school orchestras and TYSA woodwind, brass, and percussion students for a full symphonic orchestra experience.

April is the month for runouts. On April 17, the Tacoma Wind Philharmonic performed at the Tacoma Art Museum as part of the Third Thursday Art Walk. The Tacoma String Symphony was warmly welcomed back this year for a performance at Merrill Gardens on April 19. The Tacoma String Philharmonic did a side-by-side again this year with the orchestra students at Mason Middle School on April 25. Our newest string orchestra, the Tacoma Academy String Orchestra, performed its first runout at Frank Tobey Jones on April 26. These free community performances provide our TYSA students with a great performing experience and brightens the lives of audience members.

In May, the TYSA Cello Choir performed at Ben's Birthday Cellobration on May 9. The concert took place at Town Hall in Seattle and was a fundraising concert for the Ben Faigin Music Opportunity Fund. On May 10, TYSA presented a Musical Storytime at the Swasey Branch of the Tacoma Public Library. TYSA students performed, Dr. James Welsch read a musical story, and the children in attendance got the chance to try out musical instruments. TYSamba did its first public performance at Stanley Elementary on May 14. Dr. James Doyle has been working with 5th grade students at Stanley this school year.



Thank you!

TYSA could not do the work that we do without volunteers and we have such amazing volunteers that help us each week. Thank you to all who helped with the Discover Music Concert, the Symphonic Orchestra Festival, the TYSA Trivia Night Fundraiser, and our run-outs to Victorian Country Christmas, the Tacoma Art Museum, Merrill Gardens, Frank Tobey Jones, and the TSP side - by - side at Mason Middle School. Thank you to all of our wonderful concert volunteers, who come early and willingly help clean up after concerts. 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 Directors 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!

Volunteers of the Year

The job of choosing a volunteer of the year each year is very difficult since there are so many volunteers that fit that profile. Here are this year's choices:

Congratulations to our **2025 Volunteers of Note, David and Heather Bahrt**. Mr. and Mrs. Bahrt have two daughters in TYSA, Laura, a percussionist in TYS, and Emmalee, a French hornist in TJYS. The Bahrts have volunteered as ushers at countless concerts over the last two years and have also helped with mailings.

We have such incredible students that we couldn't pick just one this year. These students volunteer at the Evergreen Music Festival, help at auditions, mentor each week in younger orchestras, help move percussion equipment, chairs, and stands, and can generally be relied on to help in every situation. From the Tacoma Junior Youth Symphony, our **2025 Student Volunteers of Note** are violinist **Caleb Richards**, double bassist **Olivia Jensen-Koontz**, and double bassist **Deb McCoy**. From the Tacoma Youth Symphony, the **2025 Student Volunteers of Note** are oboist **Keegan Muñoz** and violist, **Alyx Treibel**.

Caleb Richards, Olivia Jensen-Koontz, and Deb McCoy were recognized at the concert on May 10. David and Heather Bahrt, Keegan Muñoz, and Alyx Treibel will be recognized at the TYS concert on May 18. Thank you to **ALL** who volunteer!

TYSA Annual Meeting

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