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Quarter NOTES



Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon 2017-2018 Concert Season opens with Symphony No. 5 by Beethoven and Flute Concerto No. 2 by Mozart

The Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon's 30th Anniversary Concert Season opens with Fall Concert Series performances on November 4 & 5, 2017. Music Director and Conductor Cynthia Hutton commented, "The Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon looks forward to a celebratory season of performances by outstanding current and former YSSO musicians. The season will include audience favorites, a performance with Youth Symphony Alumni, a Concerto Competition winner, a new collaboration and several musical surprises."

The Fall Concert Series includes a 7:30 p.m. performance at Medford's Craterian Theater at the Collier Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, November 4. The series continues with an Ashland performance at the Oregon Center for the Arts Music Recital Hall at SOU at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 5. Tickets are \$10 (general admission) and \$5 (students w/ID). Tickets for the November 4 performance in Medford are available through the Craterian Theater box office (541-779-3000). Other ticket outlets include Paddington Station, located at 125 East Main Street in Ashland, and Artistic Piano in Medford, 1390 Biddle Road #107.

Under the direction of Music Director & Conductor Dr. Cynthia Hutton, the Youth Symphony will play W.A. Mozart's Flute Concerto No. 2 with soloist Courtney Badura, a 2017 Concerto Competition winner. The Youth Symphony also will play Ludwig von Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*. The Youth Orchestra will play arrangements of Edward Elgar's *Pomp & Circumstance March No. 4*, the Overture to Giuseppe Verdi's opera *Nabucco*, and the March from Georges Bizet's opera *Carmen*.

More than 130 accomplished public school, private school, home school and college musicians from Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Central Point, Talent, Phoenix, Williams and throughout the region, were selected to participate in the Youth Symphony and Youth Orchestra this season.

The Carpenter Foundation, Carrico Family Foundation, City of Ashland (through Ashland lodging tax revenues) and the James F. & Marion L. Miller Foundation have awarded support for the YSSO this season to date. In addition, YSSO

Founded in 1988, the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing young musicians with opportunities to expand their knowledge of classical music by learning and performing challenging repertoire. The YSSO provides exceptional performance experiences and training for young musicians under the leadership of professional conductors and music coaches and fosters lifelong appreciation of music and the arts.

For more information, please contact the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon, P.O. Box 4291, Medford, OR 97501, 541-858-8859, info@yso.org or visit: www.yso.org.

concerts and operations are funded in part by the Oregon Arts Commission, a state agency funded by the State of Oregon and the National Endowment for the Arts. In addition, an annual distribution from the Roger G. Hewitt Fund for Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon of The Oregon Community Foundation helps underwrite tuition and lesson assistance for participating YSSO musicians with financial need. YSSO organization initiatives and operations are supported by annual gifts from individuals, business contributions, Concert Series program advertising, Concert Series Partners and funding from foundations.



Courtney Badura 2017 Concerto Competition Winner Fall 2017 Concert Series Soloist

North Medford High School (NMHS) senior Courtney Badura and a winner of the 2017 Concerto Competition, has participated in the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon since the eighth grade. Her current and former school music teachers include Steve Kessler, Kendra Taylor and David Sommers. She has studied privately with Shelly Cox for two years and has participated in a summer masterclass at Colburn Conservatory led by flute professors Jim Walker and Diana Morgan. Her parents are Mark and Bethany Badura.

In addition to serving as principal flute in the Youth Symphony, Courtney is also principal flute in the NMHS Wind Ensemble. Her honors and awards include selection for the Oregon All-State Wind Ensemble and the Southern Oregon High School Honor Band (principal flute). She won the District Solo Competition in both 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, and placed second at the Oregon State Activities Association (OSAA) state competition in 2016-2017. Courtney is also a member of the National Torch Honor Society.

When asked to share her thoughts about the work she will play with the Youth Symphony in November she noted, "Mozart's melodies are always lovely. His genius is in the complex simplicity of some of the most timeless music we know. Each movement tells a thousand different stories. Find your own story in the music; I promise it's worth it."

Following graduation in June 2018, Courtney plans to pursue a degree in flute performance.

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Membership News

Concert Season Giving & Friends of the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon

As the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon organization begins its 30th Anniversary Concert Season, I would like to offer my appreciation to the individuals, businesses, foundations and agencies providing financial assistance to the YSSO organization. The governing board, staff, volunteers, families and musicians are grateful for each and every gift of support.

Musicians involved in the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon demonstrate the instrumental value of music in achievement and the impact of music on our lives and communities. Participation in a music ensemble teaches people to listen and work cooperatively, nurtures important habits and develops lifelong skills such as focus, empathy and discipline. The YSSO organization increases access to cultural opportunities and augments programs in schools. The outstanding performances engage hearts, hands and minds through music.

Your investment helps the YSSO maintain high standards and present affordable concerts. The organization receives support through contributions from individuals, concert partner (sponsor) funding, and foundation and agency grants. The YSSO generates additional revenue through ticket sales, program advertising and nominal tuition. Members of the governing board coordinate special events to generate financial support. The Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon is dedicated to artistic quality, professional management, thoughtful governance and careful stewardship of resources.

As you consider a gift in support of the Concert Season, please know that every contribution makes an impact on the YSSO. Contributions from individuals help pay for music, rehearsal facilities, concert venues and operations, and help underwrite tuition waiver and lesson assistance for YSSO musicians. When you receive a letter from the YSSO, please renew your membership or offer a Concert Season gift to honor a friend, colleague, musician or a family member. Checks should be made payable to the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon and sent to the YSSO, P.O. Box 4291, Medford, OR 97501. The YSSO is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and your gift may be tax-deductible. Please consult your professional tax advisor.

The YSSO organization looks forward to offering music opportunities for young people and building new audiences for classical music this year and into the future. Thank you for investing in the remarkable Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon organization and for joining us at the performances this season.

Sharon Wilson
Executive Director

2017-2018 Concert Season Celebrating 30 Years of Performances

Community Outreach Concert Rogue Valley Manor

Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Youth Symphony

Fall Concert Series

Sat., Nov. 4, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
Craterian Theater at the Collier
Center, Medford

Sun., Nov. 5, 2017, 3:00 p.m.
SOU Music Recital Hall, Ashland

Youth Symphony & Youth Symphony Alumni Concert

Wed., Dec. 20, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
Craterian Theater at the Collier
Center, Medford

Concerto Competition

Mon., Jan. 22, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Oregon Center for the Arts
Recital Hall at SOU, Ashland

Community Outreach Concert Rogue Valley Manor

Thur., Feb. 8, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Chamber Music & Soloists

Winter Concert Series

Sat., Feb. 24, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Craterian Theater at the Collier
Center, Medford

Sun., Feb. 25, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
Craterian Theater at the Collier
Center, Medford

Community Outreach Concert Rogue Valley Manor

Thurs., May 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Youth Orchestra

Spring Concert Series

Fri., May 18, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Oregon Center for the Arts
Recital Hall at SOU, Ashland

Sat., May 19, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center,
Grants Pass

Sun., May 20, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
Craterian Theater at the Collier
Center, Medford

From the Music Director...

Welcome back to the musicians, families, community volunteers, patrons and audiences! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and early fall and that you are excited about joining us for another wonderful year of music. The Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon (YSSO) marks its 30th Anniversary Concert Season in 2017-2018.

Even after more than two decades with the organization I continue to be amazed by the array of talent in the region. When I have time to walk throughout Ashland each summer I often meet alumni of the YSSO. Former musicians always express to me what a wonderful time they had participating in the YSSO and how being part of a musical team created lifelong memories for them. I always inquire if he or she still plays an instrument. Some have continued to play and some are involved in other pursuits. Regardless of their involvement in music, however, their life stories enrich my life and reassure me that playing an instrument as a youngster helps create articulate, enterprising and purposeful adults. The YSSO looks forward to casting more Youth Symphony alumni into the world again this season and to reconnecting with former musicians for a special anniversary season performance. The organization is delighted that audiences, patrons, volunteers and families will be part of the endeavor.

The Fall Concert Series in November will feature the Youth Symphony playing *Symphony No. 5* by Ludwig von Beethoven and will showcase 2017 Concerto Competition winner Courtney Badura playing the *Flute Concerto No. 2* by W.A. Mozart. The Youth Orchestra will round out the concert program playing works by Elgar, Verdi and Bizet.

In December, former Youth Symphony musicians will join the current Youth Symphony for a wonderful performance at the Craterian Theater. This concert will offer orchestral favorites and musical surprises.

The season continues with the Winter Concert Series in February. The series features an exciting new collaboration with the Rogue Valley Chorale's Youth Choruses and both concerts will take place at the Craterian Theater. The season will conclude with the Spring Concert Series performances in May.

Current YSSO musicians who need financial assistance may inquire about the availability of scholarship assistance for private lessons with experienced, professional teachers. The Youth

Symphony of Southern Oregon may be able to help you, but musicians must apply. The one-on-one private lesson is an amazing way to move forward. There are many great professional teachers to help you. Please keep in mind, funding is limited and it is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

I am excited about the season and want to welcome both new and returning musicians joining us this year. As always, it is a pleasure to work with the dedicated young people of the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon and their families. For me, each rehearsal is a wonderful gift! Music touches that magical place in all of us and I look forward to sharing the magic of music with Rogue Valley audiences again this year. Off we go on a journey through another great year of making classical music together.

Cynthia Hutton
Music Director & Conductor



President's Letter

On behalf of my colleagues on the governing board of the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon (YSSO), welcome to the YSSO organization's 30th Anniversary Concert Season!

I would like to offer my thanks to Frank Phillips for his six years of board service, as well as retiring directors Anita Caster, Ursula Horstmann-Nash and immediate past-president Amy Watson for their many years of leadership and guidance. The YSSO offers its sincere gratitude to these individuals for their hard work, community spirit and countless hours of service. In other board news, I wish to welcome five new directors to the board: Andrew Gramley, Shanée Von Strahl, Kriko Michaels, Mary Jane Morrison and Michael Wing. A two-year term for each new director began July 1, 2017. The new directors met with returning directors Ann Godwin, Denise Poisson, Jill Savino, Traci Walker, Eric Werner and me on August 14 to discuss auditions, registration, special events, concerts, and board initiatives planned for the 2017-2018 Concert Season. I know the board looks forward to working with the staff, volunteers, families and musicians throughout this special anniversary season.

The governing board is pleased to announce the financial support of the Carpenter Foundation, Carrico Family Foundation, City of Ashland, James F. & Marion L. Miller Foundation and the Oregon Arts Commission, a state agency funded by the State of Oregon and the National Endowment for the Arts. As of the date of this publication, these foundations and agencies have awarded funding to the YSSO organization for operations, concerts and/or initiatives. In addition, I wish to acknowledge the Roger G. Hewitt Fund for Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon of The Oregon Community Foundation. An annual distribution from this permanent fund helps underwrite tuition and lesson assistance for participating YSSO musicians with financial need.

The Fall Concert Series opens the season with performances on November 4 in Medford at the Collier Center's Craterian Theater and on November 5 at the Oregon Center for the Arts' Recital Hall at Southern Oregon University in Ashland. The concert program features 2017 Concerto Competition winner Courtney Badura. In December, the organization will present a celebratory Youth Symphony & Youth Symphony Alumni Concert. The concert will showcase current and former Youth Symphony musicians playing works ranging from J.S. Bach and Tchaikovsky to Steve Reich and Led Zeppelin!

The Winter Concert Series in February 2018 will present an exciting musical partnership with the Rogue Valley Chorale's Youth Choruses. The Spring Concert Series in May 2018 will offer musical surprises and rewarding experiences for young and old alike.

In addition to the concerts and special performances,

members of the governing board are hard at work making arrangements for fund raising events. Coming up on Saturday, November 11 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. is the annual "Short Stack for a Tall Cause" Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar in Medford. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Please contact board member Kriko Michaels for information (1-804-937-7121 or krikomichaels@hotmail.com) or the YSSO office (541-858-8859) to purchase tickets.

As the 2017-2018 Concert Season begins, I invite you to consider the extraordinary programming and positive learning experiences the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon provides to young musicians and the Rogue Valley. As you plan your charitable giving for the year, please renew your annual support or give an additional gift to honor a YSSO musician, a friend, family member or business colleague. Make an investment in quality music programming by supporting the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon during this milestone season. The governing board is dedicated to thoughtful governance, fiscal integrity, professional management and the safeguarding of assets. Your investment will be used wisely and will have an impact on the mission of the YSSO. A gift of any amount will be appreciated. If you are interested in becoming a Concert Series Partner, please contact Sharon Wilson, YSSO Executive Director (541-858-8859).

I look forward to seeing you at the concerts this year.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Stacy Brubaker
President, Governing Board



Fall 2017 Concert Series Ticket Info

\$5.00 (students with I.D.) &
\$10.00 (adults)

Tickets for both performances are available at Artistic Piano in Medford and at Paddington Station in Ashland. Tickets for the November 4 performance may be purchased through the Craterian Theater box office. (541-779-3000).

YSSO Family Complimentary Concert Series Ticket Policy

Each current YSSO family may receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the November 4 Fall Concert Series performance at the Craterian Theater. Complimentary tickets will be available to YSSO musicians at the two Sunday rehearsals prior to the concerts. Remaining tickets will be sold to the general public.

YSSO Musician Concert Dress Requirements

Required concert dress/appearance information for each ensemble is available online. Please be aware of the expectations and comply with the concert dress code.

YSSO Ensemble Concert Series Call Times

Youth Orchestra - 90 minutes
before concert time
Youth Symphony - 60 minutes
before concert time

Watch for e-mail alerts and reminders confirming or changing call times on certain dates or other information specific to each ensemble or performance.

Important News!

Youth Symphony & Youth Symphony Alumni Concert

This season marks the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon's 30th Anniversary. In celebration of this milestone, the season will showcase special music, a collaboration with the Rogue Valley Chorale's Youth Choruses and a Youth Symphony & Youth Symphony Alumni Concert. Former Youth Symphony musicians are encouraged to contact the YSSO via e-mail (info@yosso.org) to request information. The Youth Symphony & Youth Symphony Alumni Concert takes place at the Craterian Theater in Medford at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20. For tickets contact the Craterian box office (541-779-3000).

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Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon Pancake Breakfast to Benefit the YSSO

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar
1388 Biddle Road, Medford

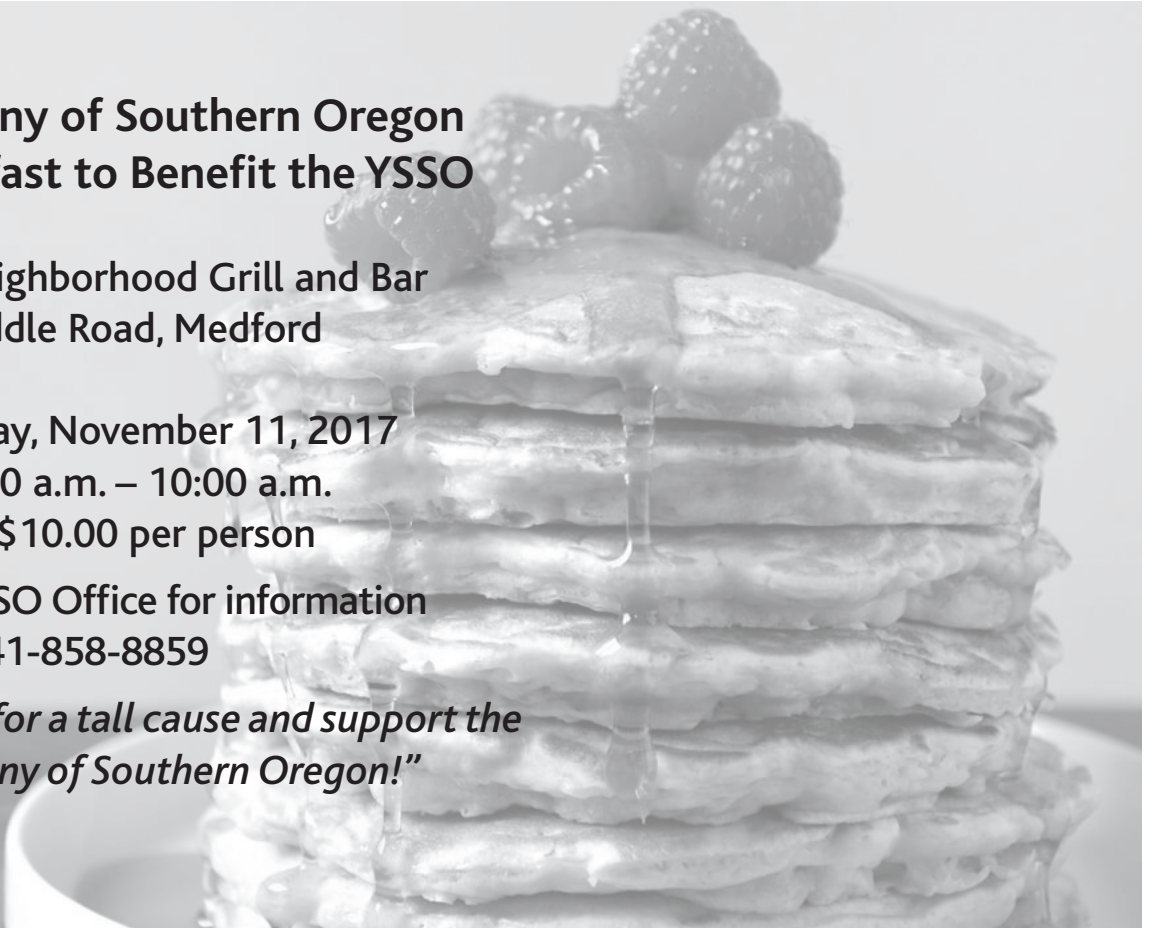
Date: Saturday, November 11, 2017

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Tickets: \$10.00 per person

Contact the YSSO Office for information
541-858-8859

*"Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause and support the
Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon!"*





Annual Giving: Friends of the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon

Gifts and contributions from individuals, businesses and families generate 20 percent of the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon organization’s annual revenue. Take a moment to renew or increase your gift, make an additional gift or honor a friend or colleague by making a contribution in his/her name. The Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and contributions may be tax-deductible. Please consult a professional tax advisor for details.

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