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Fall 2008 Concert Series Performances November 15 and 16

The Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon will open its 2008-2009 concert season with an evening performance on Saturday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Craterian Ginger Rogers Theater in Medford. A second performance will take place on Sunday, November 16 at 3:00 p.m. at Southern Oregon University's Music Recital Hall in Ashland.

Youth Symphony principal cellist Ian Greenberg, one of the winners of the 2008 YSSO Concerto Competition and a junior at Ashland High School, will be the featured soloist in a performance of Antonin Dvorak's *Cello Concerto in B minor, Op. 104*. A member of the YSSO for nine years, Ian began studying the cello at age five. He is currently a private student of Beth Goldstein. Ian has participated in numerous master classes and has worked with several noted teachers including Melissa Kraut, Bruce Uchimura and Csaba Onczay. Most recently, he participated in the Meadowmount School of Music 2008 Summer Camp. He has also participated in the ENCORE School for Strings, Indiana Summer String Academy, Britt Chamber

Institute, National Cello Institute, and the Suzuki Institutes at Ithaca, Chicago, Stanford and Seattle. He has been a member of the All Northwest Honor Orchestra and has participated in OMEA Solo & Ensemble contests.



Recently Ian reflected on the technical challenges the work presents and his year-long preparation for the performances on November 15 and 16. He noted "the Dvorak *Cello Concerto* is an amazing work that showcases the range, contrast of colors and beautiful tone of the cello." He went on to say that the "concerto also highlights many instruments in the orchestra, features an array of wonderful melodies" and that he is "very excited to have the opportunity to perform the work with the musicians of the Youth Symphony."

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Fall 2008 Concert Series

Saturday, November 15, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Craterian Ginger Rogers Theater, Medford
Sunday, November 16, 2008, 3:00 p.m.
SOU Music Recital Hall, Ashland

Winter 2009 Concert Series

Friday, February 20, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Craterian Ginger Rogers Theater, Medford
Saturday, February 21, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Grants Pass High School Perf. Arts Center
Sunday, February 22, 2009, 3:00 p.m.
SOU Music Recital Hall, Ashland

Spring 2009 Concert Series

Friday, May 15, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Grants Pass High School Perf. Arts Center
Saturday, May 16, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
SOU Music Recital Hall, Ashland
Sunday, May 17, 2009, 3:00 p.m.
Craterian Ginger Rogers Theater, Medford

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Ian would like to extend his gratitude and appreciation to Beth Goldstein for her support, musical guidance, mentoring and kindness, and to Cynthia Hutton for her dedication and for sharing her time, energy and love of music. Ian would also like to thank his parents for their tremendous amount of love and support, his brother Justin who has been a musical inspiration and his sister Hanna for her patience listening to his practicing when she would rather be listening to something else. Following graduation, Ian plans to attend a music conservatory or university and major in cello performance.

The Fall Concert Series program will also include Dvorak's *Carneval Overture* performed by the members of the Youth Symphony. The musicians of Youth Orchestra will play Richard Wagner's *Overture to Rienzi* (arranged by Sandra Dackow), the fourth movement of the *New World Symphony* by Antonin Dvorak (arranged by Vernon Leidig) and *Orpheus in the Underworld*, *Galop* by Jacques Offenbach. Youth Strings will perform works by Cornelius Gurlitt, Dmitri Kabalevsky and Ludwig van Beethoven.

Tickets are \$5.00 for students/seniors and \$10.00 for adults, and are available at Paddington Station in Ashland and Larry's Music in Medford. Tickets for the November 15 performance in Medford are also available through the Craterian Theater's box office

Complimentary Tickets for YSSO Families

Each current YSSO family may receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the Fall Concert Series performance at the Craterian Theater in Medford. Complimentary tickets will be available for pick-up at the two Sunday rehearsals prior to the concert series. Remaining tickets will be made available for sale to the general public.

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

The Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon's 2008-2009 concert season is underway! The board, the staff and the young musicians look forward to a wonderful year of learning and playing an amazing selection of music under the guidance and leadership of Dr. Cynthia Hutton, Faina Podolnaya and the terrific music coaches who work with the YSSO musicians.

On behalf of the YSSO governing board, I wish to welcome Sarah Epstein, and Marilyn Versteeg to the board of the YSSO. Sarah and Marilyn offer both leadership and community outreach skills to the organization and the board appreciates their willingness to share their knowledge with the YSSO. I would also like to thank retiring board members Cynthia Fuller, Karen Harris, Jeresa Hren and Kathryn Levine for their service to the YSSO.

The year began with an event at Grizzly Peak Winery on October 18th. *Grace Notes*, a Wine & Food Pairing, featured music, wine, and the culinary expertise of Helena Darling. The board extends its thanks to Al and Virginia Silbowitz for hosting *Grace Notes*, and to Helena Darling, Kitchen Creek Vineyard, Granite Peak Winery and Grizzly Peak Winery for their participation in this event.

Members of the YSSO board have been working on special events, donor development and plans for the future. This summer, several YSSO parents and board members began planning a new volunteer resource for the YSSO. Please watch for more information about the Volunteer Guild as the year progresses. If you have not yet signed up to volunteer, please contact the YSSO office or a member of the YSSO Steering Committee listed in this issue of the newsletter to learn more about volunteer opportunities. Throughout the summer and early fall, YSSO Executive Director Sharon Wilson, has been preparing for auditions, managing operations, organizing schedules, performances and events. Her organizational skills, and planning and development expertise continue to provide financial support and direction for the organization.

It gives me great pleasure to share some recent contributions made by our Friends of the YSSO. The YSSO wishes to recognize James Collier for his generous gift to the organization. On behalf of the board I wish to extend a very special note of gratitude to Penny Austin and Alan Bergstrom and Drs. Craig Chow, William S. Epstein, Robert H. Ewing and Mark Greenberg of the Ashland Surgery Center for their generous support for the upcoming Fall Concert Series performances.

In addition, the YSSO extends its appreciation to the following foundations, agencies and businesses that have provided funding for programs and initiatives to date: Ashland Rotary Community Support Foundation, The Carpenter Foundation, City of Ashland, Collins Foundation, Jackson County Cultural Coalition, Pacific Power Foundation, the Oregon Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, U.S. Bank, and Harry & David.

Please know that while the YSSO has received funding for special initiatives or activities from numerous foundations and agencies, typically more than 25 percent of the YSSO's annual revenue comes from individual contributions. The YSSO needs the continued support of individuals throughout the region to sustain the organization's programs for young people, accessible concerts for the public, and maintain day-to-day operations. As you plan your charitable giving this year, I ask that you consider extending or increasing your investment in the mission of the YSSO.

The board of directors is grateful to all who serve and support the work of the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon; whether musician, parent, volunteer, patron or teacher, your work and dedication enable the YSSO to continue to present outstanding concerts of classical music each year.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Schreiber *President*



Support for the Fall Concert Series

Fall Concert Series Partners Penny Austin and Alan Bergstrom, and Drs. Craig Chow, William S. Epstein, Robert H. Ewing and Mark Greenberg of the Ashland Surgery Center have provided financial support for the concerts. The Ashland Rotary Community Support Foundation, James Collier, The Carpenter Foundation, City of

Ashland, Collins Foundation, Jackson County Cultural Coalition, Harry & David, Pacific Power Foundation, U.S. Bank, and United Arts Fund have provided funding to help underwrite concerts and initiatives. The project is also funded in part by the Oregon Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Important News

From Our Conductor

Greetings,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and you are excited about joining us for another wonderful year of classical music as the YSSO celebrates its twenty-first season of performances in Southern Oregon. I look forward to working with everyone and I am confident the 2008-2009 season will be another outstanding year for the YSSO. I consider it a great privilege to be able to share the talents of our musicians with YSSO audiences, donors, parents and the community.

This season will include a wide variety of repertoire and will feature all of the ensembles, as well as individual YSSO musicians as soloists. The Fall Concert Series will highlight the music of composer Antonin Dvorak. Youth Symphony principal cellist Ian Greenberg, one of the winners of the 2008 Concerto Competition, will perform Dvorak's *Cello Concerto in B minor*. Along with this work, the Youth Symphony will present Dvorak's brilliant *Carnaval Overture*. The Youth Orchestra will perform the finale to Dvorak's famous *New World Symphony* plus *Orpheus in the Underworld* by Jacques Offenbach and Richard Wagner's *Overture to Rienzi*. The Winter Concert Series will feature Youth Symphony Co-concertmaster Taylor Anderson, the other winner of the 2008 Concerto Competition, in a performance of Aram Khachaturian's *Violin Concerto*. The Spring Concert Series will feature the winner of the 2009 Youth Symphony Concerto Competition. YSSO musicians should think about the opportunity to

Fall 2008 Extended Rehearsals

Thank you to YSSO board members Linda Terry and Laura Barnes, Extended Rehearsal Co- Coordinators, for their work planning the schedule and refreshments, and implementing the activities. The YSSO also appreciates the wonderful training provided by this year's guest music coaches and the able assistance of the parent volunteers. A special note of thanks and appreciation is offered to Stephen Retzlaff, Jenifer Carstensen, Karin Pasche and the staff at Ashland Middle School for facilitating the use of school facilities for the Youth Symphony and Youth Orchestra rehearsals and to Northwest Pizza and Pasta for helping with refreshments.



be a soloist with the Youth Symphony and consider participation in the Concerto Competition this season or in the future.

The YSSO will continue to enhance, nurture and expand the musical growth of the musicians through its chamber music initiative. The Chamber Music Series concerts on December 13 & 14, 2008, will be presented in Jacksonville at the Historic First Presbyterian Church and in Ashland at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's Carpenter Hall. I am excited about the opportunity for the musicians to work with professional music coaches and perform in small groups through this special initiative again this year. The program offers another wonderful means of developing musicianship and technique, and building camaraderie. In addition to Concert Series and Chamber Music Series performance opportunities, YSSO musicians and ensembles will also present Community Outreach Concerts at the Rogue Valley Manor.

In closing, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome new and returning musicians to another outstanding season of music-making and character-building. As always, it is a pleasure to work with the YSSO's talented and dedicated young people and their families. For me, each Sunday afternoon 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 Southern Oregon again this year.

Cindy Hutton
Music Director & Conductor

Volunteer News

Thank you to the parents and family members who donate hundreds of hours assisting with rehearsals, concerts and events each year. The YSSO looks forward to working with another group of wonderful volunteers this season.

The YSSO is instituting new volunteer recruitment and communication procedures. In addition, a group of dedicated individuals is working toward the development of a Volunteer Guild. If you filled out a Volunteer Opportunity form and indicated your interest in participating in the formation of a guild, you will be hearing from a member of the Volunteer Steering Committee in the coming weeks.

The following members of the Volunteer Steering Committee or YSSO Board are coordinating specific tasks and assignments this season. If you signed up for volunteer duties at the Parent Orientation in September, an individual on the following list will

contact you to remind you of the date, time and location of the volunteer task or activity. Questions about specific assignments should be directed to the appropriate person on the following list:

Anastasia Anderson
Volunteer Steering Committee
826-8045
Ticket Sales & Comp Ticket Volunteers
Box Office Volunteers
Concert Program Insert Volunteers

Wendy Arthur
Volunteer Steering Committee
734-9481
Volunteer Guild Planning & Development

Laura Barnes
YSSO Board Member & Volunteer
Steering Committee
899-7429 or 944-2922
Fall Extended Rehearsal Volunteers
Orchestra/Symphony Music Librarian

Larry Cooper
YSSO Board Member
482-5109 or 210-1458
Concert Logistics Volunteers

Anna Dunlap
YSSO Board Member & Volunteer
Steering Committee
779-2164 or 210-0282
Poster Distribution Volunteers
Concert Usher Volunteers

Sarah Epstein
YSSO Board Member & Volunteer
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482-9813
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Merchandise Sales Volunteers

Marilyn Versteeg
YSSO Board Member & Volunteer
Steering Committee
474-3277
Supervision of Musicians at Concerts
Volunteers

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Membership News

2008-2009 Annual Giving

On behalf of the Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon, thank you to the many businesses, foundations and agencies that have already provided financial assistance for performances, programs and initiatives for the 2008-2009 concert season. The support of these dedicated individuals, foundations and businesses is both gratifying and appreciated. In addition to the financial assistance of individuals and families, the YSSO is grateful for the financial support provided by several local individuals and professional offices for the Fall Concert Series performances.

The financial investment of the community is critical to sustaining the YSSO and its programs. The YSSO seeks to cultivate and maintain a diversified base of support that includes annual gifts from individuals, foundation and agency grants, and revenue from tuition, ticket sales, concert program advertising, underwriting and special events. In addition, a formal Endowment Fund was established two years ago through the Oregon Community Foundation as part of the board's long-term financial plan for the organization.

As you consider becoming a new member of the Friends of the YSSO, renewing your membership, giving a gift in honor of a friend, family member or colleague or making an additional gift, please keep in mind every contribution makes an impact on the YSSO and

its long-term financial health. Gifts from individuals help pay for music, rehearsal facilities, performance venues, fees for music coaches, staff salaries, insurance and instrument repair. Contributions augment funding for tuition waivers and lesson assistance for YSSO musicians, and help underwrite concerts, special initiatives and day-to-day operations.

The YSSO's membership drive goal this year is \$32,600. To meet or exceed this year's goal the YSSO needs your help. Please be generous with your gift to the YSSO.

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 organization and your contribution may be tax-deductible.

Thank you for investing in the mission and musicians of the YSSO and the organization's service to the greater community. The YSSO looks forward to offering accessible, high-quality music opportunities for young people and to building new audiences for classical music in the coming season.

Sharon Wilson
Executive Director



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