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THE YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF GREATER COLUMBUS PLANS SEASON KICK-OFF 2017!

August 3, 2017, Columbus, Georgia—The Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus (YOGC) is pleased to announce its 2017-18 season Kick-Off on Saturday, August 26, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Current and future YOGC musicians will enjoy food, games, prizes, ice cream, and rehearsals. The Youth Orchestra, led by Music Director and Conductor Jim Palmer, is comprised of two orchestras, String Orchestra and Youth Orchestra, and several ensembles. For more information on how you can be a part of the Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus visit www.YOGC.org or call 706.256.3614.

Registration is still open to audition for the 2017-18 orchestra season on August 19, 2017. To register visit www.yogc.org.

“The Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus is ready to kick off a season filled with Masterworks, soloists, chamber music, fiddling and our first Orchestra Festival! Our students are ready to make wonderful musical connections with each other and everyone in The Greater Columbus area!”

—Jim Palmer, YOGC Music Director and Conductor

2017-18 Season Kick-Off

Saturday, August 26, 2017

Columbus State University Schwob School of Music, RiverCenter for the Performing Arts

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – String Orchestra with Mr. Palmer

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Lunch, Games, Prizes and Ice Cream

1:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Youth Orchestra meet with conductor and obtain music folder

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Sectional Rehearsals

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Full ensemble rehearsal with Mr. Palmer

The 2017-18 Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus orchestra season includes:

November 2, 2017

Whitewater Orchestra Festival

Legacy Hall at RiverCenter for the Performing Arts

The Youth Orchestra Whitewater Orchestra Festival provides Middle and High School Orchestras an opportunity to perform for well-qualified adjudicators in a beautiful hall and receive short clinics from the Youth Orchestra's Maestro Jim Palmer. The orchestra directors will receive a recording of their performance, written feedback from three highly qualified educators, a video of their conducting and an opportunity to perform in Columbus State University Schwob School of Music's Legacy Hall. Guest judges

will include Dr. Richard Bell, Director of String Music Education at Clayton State University and Music Director of The Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra; Dr. Marilyn Seelman, retired Music Director of The Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra and internationally renown viola teacher, chamber musician, and conductor; Sheldon Fisher, teacher at Fulton County Schools with over 35 years public school teaching experience; and Jim Palmer, YOGC and Cobb County Schools Music Director and Conductor, arranger for Alfred Music and 29 years public school and youth orchestra teaching experience.

November 7, 2017

Fall Concert

7:30 p.m., Bill Heard Theatre at RiverCenter for the Performing Arts

Cost: Free

This concert will feature violinist Boris Abramov and an Art Show and Sale sponsored by the Columbus Artists' Guild. Proceeds from the art show and sale will benefit the YOGC and the Columbus Artists' Guild. The fall concert is made possible by a grant from the Columbus Cultural Arts Alliance and the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau.

March 10, 2018

Pops Concert and Dinner

6:30 p.m.- Dinner / 7:00 p.m. – Concert

Cost: \$30 for adults and \$15 for children (under 12 years of age)

St. Luke Ministry Center

Maestro candidates are announced and give their candidacy speeches.

April 22, 2018

Maestro for a Moment

7:30 p.m., Bill Heard Theatre at RiverCenter for the Performing Arts

Cost: Free

This concert will reveal the 2018 Maestro for a Moment winner. The winning Maestro conducts the finale piece, *Stars and Stripes Forever*.

June 2018

All Star Strings Summer String Camp

June 4 – 9, 2018 - Camp

June 9, 2018 – Concert, Legacy Hall, 1:30 p.m.

Cost: Camp tuition is \$200 per person which includes an afternoon snack and t-shirt. A lunch plan is available for an extra fee. The concert is free. Registration for camp opens up in the Spring of 2018 and students may register online at www.yogc.org.

A week-long intensive music camp for beginner to advanced string musicians in grades 4-12. Students play in one of two orchestras, one of six small ensembles, and in the combined fiddling group daily and receive coaching from a guest artist, professional musicians, and music educators. Students will be introduced to alternative music study, including fiddling and jazz, as well as learning music history, music theory, music composition, instrument care, and instrument cleaning. Students also have the option of purchasing private lessons throughout the week. The week will conclude with a concert featuring both orchestras and all of the

chamber ensembles. The camp ends with a free concert and is open to the public. All Star Strings is sponsored by the Georgia Council for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts

Since 1993, the Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus has been teaching the area's most talented young musicians. Led by music director James Palmer, this outstanding orchestra program includes the Youth Orchestra made up of intermediate and advanced string, brass, wind and percussion musicians; the String Orchestra composed of young string players, chamber groups; ensembles including a percussion ensemble, two string quartets, a woodwind quintet, a brass quintet, a violin ensemble; and a summer string camp. Rehearsals are held each Monday evening during the school season at the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts. Visit www.YOGC.org for audition requirements and an application for the 2015-16 regular orchestra season. For additional information e-mail info@yogc.org.

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