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YOUTH ORCHESTRA AWARDED COLUMBUS CULTURAL ARTS ALLIANCE AND COLUMBUS CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU GRANT!

August 1, 2017, Columbus, Georgia—The Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus (YOGC) is pleased to announce the award of \$18,537 for the YOGC fall concert on November 7, 2017, from the Columbus Cultural Arts Alliance (CCAA) and the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB). This is the highest award amount the YOGC has received from the CCAA and CCVB in their history. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Bill Heard Theatre at RiverCenter for the Performing Arts.

The YOGC fall concert features performances by the YOGC Violin Ensemble directed by Jessica Bennett, String and Youth Orchestras directed by YOGC Maestro and Music Director Jim Palmer featuring guest violinist Boris Abramov. An art show and sale with artists from The Columbus Artists' Guild will be in the RiverCenter lobby. Proceeds from the art sale will benefit the Youth Orchestra and the Columbus Artists' Guild.

“We are thankful to be recognized for our work to help stimulate the local economy. Every week, students come from as far away as Harris County, Georgia, Auburn, and Eufaula, Alabama, for YOGC rehearsals. Students and their parents are getting dinner and coffee from local downtown restaurants. The parents will go watch a Columbus State University concert in Legacy Hall or explore the River Walk while their child is in rehearsal. Our concerts draw hundreds of audience members, many of whom are out of town family members who come to hear their niece, nephew, or grandchild perform. It's a great way to promote the talent and attractions we have here in Columbus while educating the creative workforce of tomorrow.”

– Stephanie Erdman Payne, Youth Orchestra Executive Director

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, a percussion 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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