

Letter from the President

By George McGraw

To the families and friends of the Young People's Philharmonic,

Another season is coming to a close and I would like to say how proud I am of the accomplishments our students have made this year. I would like to thank the students, parents, staff, volunteers, and board members for their contributions to our wonderful organization during the 2017-2018 season.

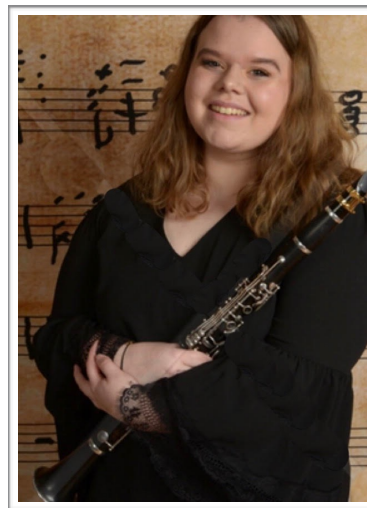
We are fortunate to have such generous benefactors throughout the Lehigh Valley and beyond for their support to our orchestra. We have received support this year from Embassy Bank, Lehigh Valley Arts Council, Keystone Savings Foundation and Lehigh Valley Community Foundation. Thank you also to the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem for their continued support in providing such a wonderful place for our rehearsals and sectionals.

The main objective of our organization is to enhance children's musical education; therefore, I am pleased to announce the formation of the Young People's Philharmonic Wind Symphony. The Wind Symphony will be comprised of woodwind, brass and percussion students in grades six through nine. This group will be under the direction of Dr. Nancy Beitler.

As we look to expand musical education opportunities to students in the coming years, it is important that our organization's governance is prepared to handle future activities. The main focus of this year was to review and update our policies and procedures, review our corporate structure to and to start developing a long-term strategic plan. All this is being done to ensure our organization is prepared as we look to the future.

Every season brings new opportunities and new challenges. It is our goal to take advantage of the opportunities, to learn, and to rise to the challenges. We are truly a family working together for the benefit of our students and community.

Concerto Soloist



Sarafina Schultheis, *clarinet*, winner of the annual YPP Senior Concerto Competition.

Sarafina Schultheis is a senior at Liberty High School where she is a president of the Grenadier Band, treasurer of the Chorus, and a member of the Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Acapella Choir, Jazz Band, and Pit Orchestra. She is also a member of the YPP Woodwind Quintet. She studies with Dr. Deborah Andrus. This fall, she plans to attend the Penn State School of Music to study music education and hopes to eventually earn a doctorate in Clarinet performance. She will be playing the *Première Rhapsody* by Claude Debussy.

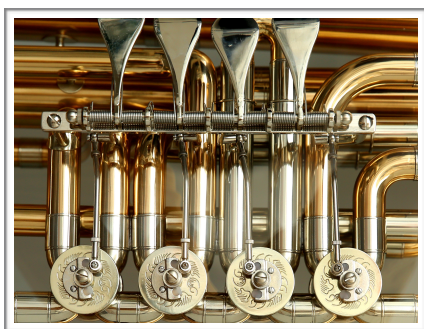
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INTRODUCING

The Young People's Philharmonic Wind Symphony

By Nancy Beitler

Announcing the formation of the **Young People's Philharmonic Wind Symphony**, a youth band for students entering 6th through 9th grades. The Young People's Philharmonic organization has provided two community youth orchestras since 1976 and more recently, six chamber groups - four String Quartets, a Brass Ensemble and a Woodwind Quintet. The new youth band will provide a rich supplement to the performance experience for the young musicians of the Greater Lehigh Valley.



The Wind Symphony will meet for weekly rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 during the months of September through April. Students will receive instruction in the full ensemble as well as in sectional rehearsals with coaches for their instrument group. Each semester will conclude with a formal concert; one in

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December and one in May. Performances will also be held for community and school audiences.

The ensemble will be led by music director, Nancy Beitler, who recently retired from public school teaching after 32 years of service. Her last position was at Southern Lehigh Middle School, Center Valley, PA where she was responsible for the 7th through 8th grade band, orchestra and general music programs. Presently Dr. Beitler supervises music education student teachers for Moravian College. She continues to mentor young music educators and share her teaching strategies at professional development workshops and seminars. Dr. Beitler has been the coach for

the Young People's Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet since 2015.

Auditions for a position in the Wind Symphony will take place between 3:00 and 8:00 pm on May 8th & 10th to determine the skill level of the applying participants. For the first year, there will be an open enrollment policy, provided all the following requirements are met: 1.) players complete an entrance audition, 2.) have two years of continuous instruction on their instrument and 3.) participate full-time in their school instrumental music programs.

Please share the information about our newest ensemble, the Wind Symphony, with young musicians that you may know. We are thrilled to add the Wind Symphony to the *Young People's Philharmonic* musical family. If you are interested in more information about the Wind Symphony or auditions please visit our web site at ypp-jsp.org or contact Nancy Beitler, director at YPPwindsymphony@gmail.com.

Greetings YPP Family!

By Kenneth Bean, YPP Conductor

The YPP is in the midst of a great season filled with excitement, musical exploration and wonderful music making. This year we welcome our new orchestra manager, Amy Chryst, to the YPP staff. Amy has been a wonderful addition to the YPP family and we all look forward to many years of working with her.

In the fall semester, we had three performances: two school tour concerts in November and our Holiday concert at Muhlenburg College in December. The schools we visited were Saucon

Valley High School and Nitschmann Middle School. Both audiences were terrific, energetic and receptive. We look forward to visiting these schools again in the future. The repertoire we rehearsed and



performed was challenging and fun. It included; Verdi, Overture from Nabucco; Sibelius, Symphony No 2, mvmts 1 and 4; Stravinsky, Firebird Suite, Berceuse and Finale and Anderson Sleigh Ride and A Christmas Festival Overture.

This Spring we are preparing another challenging program in preparation for our

Spring Concert in May. This concert will also feature our concerto competition winner, Sarafina Schultheis. Sarafina will be performing the Premiere Rhapsodie for clarinet and orchestra by Debussy. The other works on the concert will be; Bizet, L'arlesienne Suite No. 1; Berlioz, Symphonie Fantastique, March to the Scaffold and Dvorak, Symphony No 9, mvmt 1.

Thank you for your support of the YPP. We hope to see you all at our final performance of the year at our Spring Concert. The concert will be held on May 13th at Foy Hall at Moravian College.

WELCOME AMY CHRYST!

We are happy to announce that Amy Chryst is our new YPP Manager. Amy received her degree in Violin Performance from Ithaca College, and currently teaches at the Lehigh Valley Charter Arts High School. She is excited to participate in the youth orchestra experience.



The Junior String Philharmonic Year in Review

By Domenick Fiore, JSP Conductor



We are approaching the final weeks of JSP's 2017/18 concert season and it will be a race to the finish. In the coming month, we will perform a concert at Cedarbrook Nursing Home (March 31), a fundraising evening at Barnes and Noble (April 17), a day trip to see a rehearsal of the Philadelphia Orchestra (April 26) and, finally, our Spring Concert at Wesley Church in Bethlehem (May 6). In addition, there will be auditions for new members during the week before our Spring Concert.

I am honored, and a little surprised, to be completing my 3rd season with this group of delightful students. They manage to have

fun while working hard and graciously putting up with my musical demands. They have been wonderful ambassadors for our organization at school concerts not only through the quality of their performances, but also through their deportment. We have had nothing but enthusiastic comments from personnel at the schools we have visited.

I would like to mention the wonderful work done by Brianna Bortz. She makes all of



this happen. She arranges all of our performances, transportation to school

concerts and special events, makes sure everyone has music, arranges chairs for rehearsal, fields questions from parents, and is the students' most enthusiastic and loudest cheerleader. She makes my work easy and pleasant.



I would also like to mention the work of Connie Trach, our string coach, who walks around the orchestra giving bowings, fingerings, and mini "lessons", and does it in the kindest way.

I look forward, breathlessly, to the coming concerts and to next season.



YPP CHAMBER PLAYERS

YPP Chamber Players

By Sharon Fischer, Coordinator & Board Member

Dedicated students from the Young People's Philharmonic, Junior String Philharmonic and greater Lehigh Valley community were invited to audition for the Young People's Chamber Players, an extension of the musical education that the Young People's Philharmonic organization offers its members. The study of chamber music hones skills such as leadership, non-verbal communication and independence, which our students carry back into their orchestral experience as stronger young musicians. Each group is individually coached by an experienced professional musician and our groups are offered performance opportunities throughout the season, including an All Chamber Concert in the Spring. The YPP Chamber Players have performed this season at St John's UCC, Luther Crest, Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Lehigh Valley Arts Council's "Young at Art" event, The PA Music Educators annual conference and other venues. We'd like to thank the coaches for their dedication. We are so proud of the all that these students have accomplished this year.

YPP String Quartets

Michael Jorgensen, coach

Meghan McGraw, violin
Victoria Robles, violin
Grace Rosario, viola
Elizabeth Marlin, cello

Ryujin Jensen, violin
Ben Amidon, violin
Jacob Steger, viola
Elizabeth Mathiesen, cello

JSP String Quartets

Sharon Fischer, coach

Yan Yu, violin
Elena Capobianco, violin
Olivia Harley, viola
Jonah Harley, cello

Elizabeth Hutchinson, violin
Benjamin Pfefer, violin
Molly Christy, viola
Sophie Lee, cello

Woodwind Quintet

Nancy Beitler, coach

Nina Johnson, flute
Cuillynne Sherrard, oboe
Sarafina Schultheis, clarinet
Aaron Harley, french horn
Erin Nguyen, bassoon

Brass Quintet

Lawrence Wright, coach

Bradley Klemick, trumpet
Eric Liu, trumpet
Aaron Harley, french horn
Benedict Pursell, trombone
Kyle Sperry, tuba



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Young People's Philharmonic

Kenneth Bean, Conductor

Violin

Justin Abarca, Northampton HS
Suchir Agarwal, Parkland HS
Benjamin Amidon, PALCS
Nur Bookwala, Parkland HS
Justine Dell, Moravian Academy
Nia Esposito, Home School
Rebekah Fodale, Home School
Shanti Fowler-Puja, Home School
Daniel Gibson, Upper Perk. HS
Matthew Hu, Parkland HS
Michael Hu, Parkland HS
Leah McCann, Northampton HS
Meghan McGraw, Northampton HS
Kelly McMahan, Parkland HS
Krysta Nichols, Moravian Academy
Christina Park, Parkland HS
Madison Reszek, Northampton HS
Victoria Robles, Stroudsburg HS
Vivian Wong, Liberty HS
Alicia Zhang, Nazareth HS

Viola

Angela Rhee, Liberty HS
Grace Rosario, LV Charter Arts
Jacob Steger, Northampton HS

Cello

Lorelei Baittinger, Moravian Academy
Spencer Gerhard, Northampton HS
Catherine Gibson, Upper Perk. HS
Christine Hutchinson, Parkland HS
Cassandra Kaintz, LV Charter Arts
Kaitlyn Kulnis, Emmaus HS
Elizabeth Marlin, Home School
Elizabeth Mathiesen, Stroudsburg HS
Meredith McGraw, Northampton Area HS
Amaris Roberts, Parkland HS
Abby Smith, LV Charter Arts
Maxim Vezenov, Southern Lehigh HS

Bass

Ashleigh Budlong, Parkland HS
Bryce Fisher, Northampton HS
Coby Lindenmuth, Parkland HS
Jacob Schultz, Parkland HS
Matthew Sipics, Emmaus HS

Flute

Micaela Azzati, Liberty HS
Nicole Masucci, Moravian Academy
Esther Rhee, Liberty HS
Brooke Schultz, Saucon Valley HS
Megumi Takahashi, Parkland HS

Oboe

Marissa Harley, Southern Lehigh HS
Raymond McCarroll, Quakertown HS
Cuillynne Sherrard, Palisades HS

Clarinet

Nicholas Golovanov, Springhouse MS
Erica Harvey, Saucon Valley HS
Sarafina Schultheis, Liberty HS
Olivia Wilkinson, Parkland HS

Bassoon

Erin Nguyen, Liberty HS
Anne Marie Strader, LV Charter Arts

French Horn

Grace Burns, Home School
Aaron Harley, Southern Lehigh HS
Suzanne Kozloski, Parkland HS

Trumpet

Jarel Acosta-Gonzalez, Liberty HS
Nicholas Jones, Salisbury HS
Nicholas Miravich, Liberty HS
Luke Rider, Liberty HS

Trombone

Seth Bobyak, Liberty HS
Benedict Pursell, Parkland HS

Tuba

Kyle Sperry, Parkland HS

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Junior String Philharmonic

Domenick Fiore, Conductor

Violin

Francesca Bartolacci, Moravian Academy
Trystan Busletta, Lower Macungie MS
Elena Capobianco, Moravian Academy
Shriya Chitta, J Liberati Intermediate
Yechan Cho, Springhouse MS
Joshua Chou, Springhouse MS
Natasha Ding, J Liberati Intermediate
Hailey Falzone, Moravian Academy
Marina Falzone, Moravian Academy
Madeleine Golden, Moravian Academy
Elizabeth Hutchinson, Home School
Erin Joo, Springhouse MS
Carson Mesics, Northwestern Lehigh MS
Benjamin Pfefer, Northeast MS
Rithik Raghuraman, Springhouse MS
Sandhya Soundararajan, Springhouse MS
Valia Tsirukis, Moravian Academy
Jiaming Wang, Nitschmann MS
Michaela Wooden, Freedom HS
Jacob Wurst, Home School
Claire Xie, Easton Area MS
Brighton Yu, Willow Lane Elementary
Jonathan Zhang, Northampton Area MS

Viola

Victor Cai, Springhouse MS
Molly Christy, Stroudsburg JH
Kanchan Gupta, Moravian Academy
Olivia Harley, Southern Lehigh MS
Garrett McGraw, Northampton Area MS
Neve Sherrard, Palisades HS

Cello

Isabella Bartolacci, Moravian Academy
Elena Calantoni, Nazareth HS
Linus Dubischar, Easton Area MS
Tommy Gilchrist, Orefield MS
Jonah Harley, Southern Lehigh MS
Sophie Lee, Moravian Academy
Hailey Wills, Eyer MS
Taehyuk Yang, Springhouse MS

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JSP Bookfair fundraiser & performance at Barnes & Noble
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May, TBA (check website for updates)
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Sunday, May 6, 2:00 pm
JSP Spring Concert
Wesley Church, 2540 Center Street, Bethlehem

Sunday, May 13, 3:00 pm
YPP Spring Concert
Foy Hall, Moravian College, Bethlehem

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 pm
Annual Meeting, open to the Membership
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