



Fall 2011

Dear Friend and Supporter,

**Music City Youth Orchestra**, is a nonprofit 501(C)(3) organization dedicated to providing a dynamic atmosphere for student musicians in Middle Tennessee to explore a diverse repertoire for string orchestra. ***At MCYO, we believe that learning and music-making should be a joyful activity, both in rehearsal and performance.***

We employ a disciplined approach and strive for high standards of accomplishment while at the same time relaxing some of the more formal attitudes commonly associated with the orchestra. We aspire to create a collaborative effort where the ***students take ownership and contribute to the work of the group*** beyond simply learning their parts. The collective contributions of the members of the group determine the identity of the organization. We also make use of the invaluable resources that we have here in "Music City" through an eclectic approach to programming that explores diverse musical styles and by seeking opportunities for the orchestra to collaborate with world-class professional musicians.

***Heading into our fifth season, we have a packed calendar with appearances at Shakespeare in the Park, the Nashville Symphony's Free Day of Music, winter and spring concerts and a play-a-thon.***

***This year, we are taking a step of faith to offer fantastic new opportunities*** for generating an appreciation for the arts among students! We have added a second large ensemble to our program, called ***the Academy Orchestra***, to reach younger students in response to the community's need for an ensemble on the middle school level. Additionally, we have formalized our ***Chamber Music Program*** that provides opportunities for small ensemble instruction and supplemental educational and performance experiences.

Our flagship ensemble, ***the Concert Orchestra***, established for high school age student musicians, continues to see steady growth in musicianship and appreciation from our audiences as well as in the number of student musicians hoping to join each year. This past May, a performance on the stage of the Schermerhorn brought the audience to their feet with applause! This coming Spring we will share the stage at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center with choirs from Nashville School of the Arts in a Spring Concert.

***While growth is strong, we need you to help us continue bringing quality learning experiences and performance opportunities to the youth of Nashville! We invite you to support musical arts for youth by making an individual contribution.*** In order to keep up with the expansion of our orchestras, and to continue to meet the needs of our community with our unique educational programs and enriching performances each season, we depend upon the generosity of supporters like you.

We have a variety of options by which you can show your support. Please review the enclosed levels of contribution and choose an option that works for you. We look forward to hearing from you at [info@musiccityyo.org](mailto:info@musiccityyo.org) or (615) 200-MCYO. More information about us is available on the web at [www.musiccityyo.org](http://www.musiccityyo.org). Thank you for your gracious consideration!

Sincerely,

Graham Mote  
Board President

Walter Bitner  
Artistic Director & Conductor

Susan Russell  
Administrative Coordinator



## Individual Contribution Opportunities & Pledge Form

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*Please select contribution level:*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Concerto Society: \$1,000 and above
- \_\_\_\_\_ New Music Collective: \$500 - \$999
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jazz Cats: \$300 - \$499
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fiddle Masters: \$150 - \$299
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rock Stars: \$75 - \$149
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chamber Players: \$25 - \$74
- \_\_\_\_\_ Suzuki Students: \$1 - \$24

*All individual contributors, except for Suzuki Students will be listed in concert programs.*

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Contribution Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Kind Donation: *(please describe)* \_\_\_\_\_

*Checks may be payable to Music City Youth Orchestra and sent with this form to:*

Music City Youth Orchestra  
P.O. Box 120502  
Nashville, TN 37212

*Please provide your contact information:*

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Title \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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