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OLATHE YOUTH SYMPHONY

OUR MISSION

The Olathe Youth Symphony (OYS) fosters advanced level musical opportunities for talented young musicians in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

HOW THE OYS WAS FORMED

In the spring of 1992, leading members of the Olathe community developed a master plan to provide advanced musical opportunities for its young, talented musicians. The formation of a youth symphony within the southern Johnson

County area was the highest priority within this master plan. With non-profit 501 (c) (3) status, a staff of dedicated music educators, and an energetic Board of Directors, the OYS had put into place the structure needed for success. The OYS debuted with the Heart to Heart International organization at Yardley Hall in November of 1993 and held their inaugural concert in December of 1993!

During the first four years, the Symphony Orchestra was formed. This group consisted of one full symphonic orchestra with approximately 75 members. During the fifth year, the Philharmonic Orchestra was formed to meet the needs of younger musicians.

Today, the Olathe Youth Symphony is celebrating its 30th year, has grown to over 200 members, and is recognized as one of the finest youth-centered music programs in the Kansas City area. The Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestras rehearse on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and perform two to three times per concert season (mid-September to early-April).

WELCOME TO THE OLATHE YOUTH SYMPHONY CONCERT SERIES



Congratulations to the Olathe Youth Symphony (OYS) which celebrated its 30th anniversary last year! The idea of the OYS was born, nurtured, and has been sustained since 1993! As a

community, we are so fortunate to have the OYS bringing an outstanding full orchestra experience to talented young musicians.

The OYS exists because of the support of many, including our host district, the Olathe Public Schools, outstanding musical teachers at all levels, and our wonderful music directors. A special thanks goes to our volunteer OYS Board of Directors who provide guidance and support to OYS. We are also grateful for our donors who help to offset the costs of operating the OYS. The enriching experience of playing challenging music in an orchestra would not be possible without our fantastic parents and family members who support their children's musical endeavors. And of course, we are fortunate to have amazing young musicians dedicating their time and talents!

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the music!

Alison Banikowski - Dr. B

Dr. Alison Banikowski
Volunteer OYS President
Former Deputy Superintendent--
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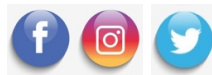
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Ways to Support OYS!

Every gift made to OYS has a positive impact on our talented young musicians. Regardless of the size of the gift, your generosity helps support the development of our young members while they explore the endless possibilities music can bring to their lives.

Volunteer – Donate your time and talents to support OYS! Whether you are interested in helping to keep our music library organized and updated, setting up the stage for concerts, and/or assisting with special events, your help is critical and welcomed!

Sign-up Genius emails will be sent to all OYS parents/families. Thank you in advance for supporting our young musicians!

Donate an Instrument – If you have an instrument that you or your children no longer use, consider donating it to **Dr. B's Musical Instrument Fund**. There is a young musician in our community who could use it! Contact dralisonbanikowski@outlook.com or olatheyouthsymphony@gmail.com. A letter acknowledging your gift will be sent to you for tax purposes. *The Olathe Public Schools Foundation, a 501c3 organization, operates the Dr. B. Musical Instrument Fund*

Make a Monetary Donation (See page 15 for 3 easy ways to donate) – Student participation fees meet many of the expenses associated with the OYS program. However, as a non-profit organization, the OYS could not provide our young musicians with a rich musical experience without the generosity of donations. The OYS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization so 100% of your financial gift is tax-deductible.

- **Individual donations** make a difference! Tribute donations can also be made in honor of someone, such as for a special event (birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc.) or in memory of someone. For some of our individual donors, their employer will also match their gift, thereby doubling its impact! Check with your Human Resources department to see whether your employer offers a matching gift program.
- **Business and corporation donations** support the mission of the OYS too! Our business and corporate donors help demonstrate the impact our community can have on the OYS.

Program

PRE-CONCERT MUSIC

Dickens Carolers: 2:45-3:25 PM in Commons

OYS Winds-Brass-Percussion Carols: 3:10-3:25 PM on Stage

PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Vivid Peter Sciaino

Medieval Legend Michael Story

Angels We Have Heard on High Arr. Elliot Del Borgo

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Poet and Peasant: Overture Franze Suppe

On the Beautiful Blue Danube Johann Strauss II

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Arr. Ted Ricketts

Grown-Up Christmas List David Foster

Linda Thompson-Jenner, Arr. Daryl McKenzie

Sydney Carter, Vocalist

Eric Griffin, Piano

DICKENS CAROLERS

Carol of the Bells

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Dalene White, Julie Kaul, Brad Zimmerman, Perry White

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WITH DICKENS CAROLERS

We Need A Little Christmas Jerry Herman, Arr. Bryan Kidd

Dickens Carolers

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The Olathe Youth Symphony is thrilled to have the **Dickens Carolers** provide entertainment for the 2023 Winter Concert.

The 2023 Dickens Carolers in Concert:

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Sydney Carter

Vocalist

Sydney Carter is excited to be performing with the Olathe Youth Symphony once again. After playing Anna in the Olathe Public School's production of Frozen, she cannot wait to expand her repertoire further beside other talented musicians. Sydney is a senior at Olathe East High School, where she is a member of Olathe East Theater and is the treasurer of Thespian Troupe 5078. Sydney would like to thank her theater director Mr. Eddie Shafer, friends, family, and the Olathe Youth Symphony for their overwhelming support.



SYMPHONY DIRECTORS



WILLIAM R. DETRICK

William Detrick holds both Bachelors and Masters of Music Education degrees from Kansas State University. Recently retired from 39 years in public school education, he spent thirty-five of those years as a music educator and program facilitator with the Olathe Public Schools. Mr. Detrick is a founding director of the Olathe Youth Symphony Association and is on the Board of Directors for the Olathe Arts Alliance. He holds memberships in the Music Educators National Conference, Kansas Music Educators Association, American String Teachers Association, and International Association of Jazz Educators. Mr. Detrick has served as a conductor and clinician throughout the Midwest.

GREGORY FERGUSON

Greg Ferguson holds a Bachelors of Music Education from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music and a Master of Liberal Arts from Baker University School of Professional and Graduate Studies. He recently retired from the Olathe Public Schools after 38 years in music education, with 35 years as the Director of Orchestras at Olathe South High School. Mr. Ferguson is a member of the Music Educators National Conference, the American String Teachers Association and the Kansas Music Educators Association. Mr. Ferguson has been awarded the 2017-18 NEKMEA Outstanding High School Orchestra Teacher. He is also one of the founding directors for the Olathe Youth Symphony, which is celebrating their 31st season this year.



OYS Symphony Orchestra Members

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Savannah Almquist
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Sarah Anderson
Annalea Boehner
Gloria Burt
MacLain Cowden
Olivia Gibbs
Haley Guyer
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Ariel Yeh

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PHILHARMONIC DIRECTORS



DANNY KAUL

Danny Kaul holds both a Bachelors and Masters of Music Education degree from Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. He currently teaches orchestra and band in the Olathe Public Schools. Mr. Kaul has performed as Principal Bassist of the Aberdeen University/Civic Symphony and has played for numerous musical theater productions throughout the Midwest. In addition to his performing, he was also the guest conductor for the Southeast South Dakota Area Band Festival. Mr. Kaul is a proud member of the International Society of Bassists. He currently lives in Olathe with his wife Julie and their twin daughters Alexandra and Megan.

RACHELE JONES

Rachele Jones is currently serving her 11th year as co-director of the Philharmonic Youth Symphony. Her teaching experience includes Director of Orchestras at Olathe North High School from 2008-2012 and Director of Orchestras for grades 4-12 in Lindsborg, Kansas from 2005-2007. Mrs. Jones graduated from Washburn University where she served as concert master for two years and as a member of the Honors Fetter Quartet for four years. In addition to teaching, she enjoys performing as a violinist and has been a member of the Topeka Symphony, the Bethany Community Orchestra, and the Lee's Summit Symphony. She also has been featured as a soloist with both the Washburn Orchestra and the Bethany Community Orchestra.



OYS Philharmonic Orchestra

Members

VIOLIN

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concertmaster
Samantha Austin
Benji Beard
Leila Boss
Carlisle Christiansen
Emma Dennington
Zoe Dennington
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Ryleigh Jones
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