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and **SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**



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ABOUT

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 of 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 it's 28th 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 pm, and perform two to three times per concert season (mid-September to early-April).

WELCOME TO THE OLATHE YOUTH SYMPHONY CONCERT SERIES



The idea of the Olathe Youth Symphony (OYS) was born, nurtured, and has been sustained since 1993! As a community, we are so fortunate to have OYS bringing an outstanding

musical experience to students. The OYS has two groups, the Philharmonic Orchestra and the Symphony Orchestra, which provide advanced musical opportunities for very talented young musicians!

The OYS would not be possible without the support of the Olathe Public Schools (both the Board of Education and administration), outstanding musical teachers at all levels, and our wonderful OYS directors and staff. A special thanks goes to the OYS Board of Directors and all ex-officio members who provide guidance and support to the OYS. We are also grateful for our donors who help to offset the costs of operating the Symphony. The enriching experience of playing challenging music in an orchestra would also not be possible without our fantastic parents and family members who support their children's musical endeavors.

This season, we are celebrating an outstanding compilation of selections that demonstrate the musical skills of our OYS groups. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the beautiful sounds.

Alison Banikowski

Dr. Alison Banikowski
President, Olathe Youth Symphony
Former Deputy Superintendent—
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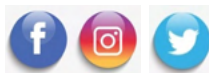
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Donate an Instrument – OYS accepts good quality instruments. If you have an instrument that you or your children no longer use, consider donating it to [Dr. B's Musical Instrument Fund](#). There is a young musician in our community who could use it! Contact olatheyouthsymphony@gmail.com. A letter acknowledging your gift will be sent to you for tax purposes. *Note: Instruments that cannot be used by the OYS will be donated to the Olathe School District through the Olathe Public Schools Foundation which operates the Dr. B. Musical Instrument Fund.*

Make a Monetary Donation – 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.
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WINTER CONCERT



PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Themes from “Scheherazade” Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

.....arr. Richard Meyer

Japanese George Gershwin arr. Douglas E. Wagner

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Egyptian March, Op. 335 Johann Strauss, Jr.

Emperor Waltz, Op. 437 Johann Strauss, Jr.

Alana Schmalzried-Lugo, cello solo

COMBINED ORCHESTRAS

A Festive Fanfare Brian Balmages

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 began his career with the Olathe Public Schools in 1985 and has been the Director of Orchestras at Olathe South High School since 1987. Under Mr. Ferguson's direction the Olathe South High

School Orchestra has received consistent first division ratings at State Music Festival for several years. The Orchestra has toured Southern California, Texas, Florida, Boston, Dallas, and most recently Chicago. 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 28th season this year.

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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.

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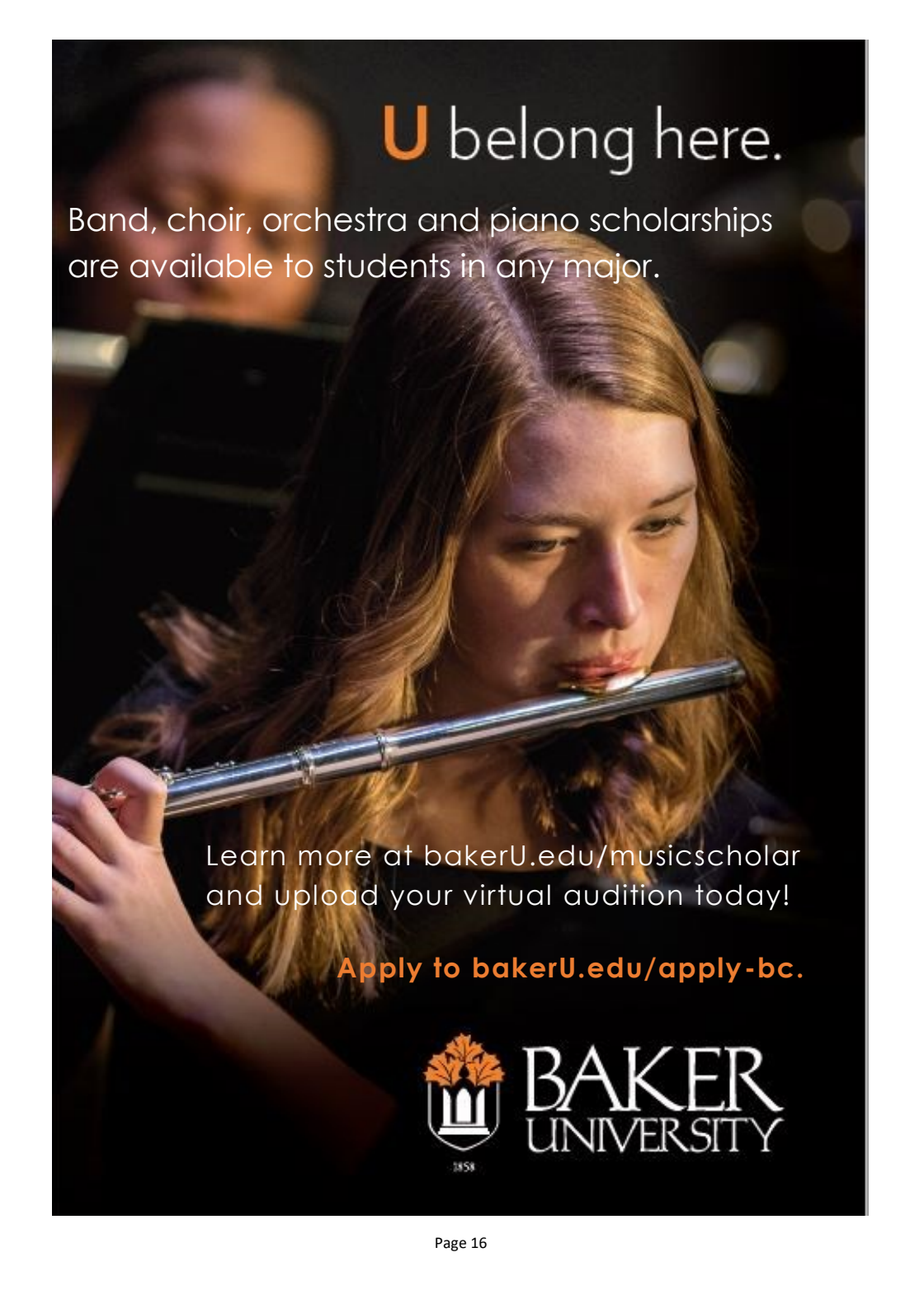
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