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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) as it celebrates its 30th anniverary! 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!

For our special 30th anniversary, the OYS will provide three amazing concerts. We kick-off the season with our Winter Concert with four special featured soloists: OYS Alums Aurelia Andrews, Sarah Peters, Dr. Michael Filla, and Philharmonic Co-Director Rachele Jones. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the beautiful sounds.

Alisan Banikawski - Dr. B

Dr. Alison Banikowski
President, Olathe Youth Symphony
Former Deputy Superintendent-Olathe Public Schools

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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 (See page 15 which has the 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.
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Patriotic Bits and Pieces	arr. Michael Story
Ashokan Farewell <i>Sarah Peters</i>	
Cumberland Cross	Carl Strommen
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Raiders March	John Williams
Concerto for Two Violins in D minor, • Vivace	
Sarah Peters & Rache	ele Jones, violin
Rhapsody in Blue Aurelia Andrews, piano & Di	——————————————————————————————————————
Forrest Gump Suite	Alan Silvestri

Olathe Youth Symphony 2022-23 Concert Season



GUEST ARTISTS

Rachele Jones

OYS Philharmonic Orchestra Director

Education:

- ■ Bachelor of Music from Washburn University
 - o Member of the Honors Fetter Quartet for 4 years

Experience:

- Co-director of the OYS Philharmonic Orchestra
- □ Operates a violin/viola studio
- Director of Orchestras at Olathe North High School
- ₱ Director of Orchestras grades 4-12 Lindsborg School District
- Former member of the Topeka Symphony, Bethany Community Orchestra, and the Lee's Summit Symphony

Personal: Rachele lives in Shawnee with her husband Brad and two children. She currently enjoys homeschooling her 4th grade child.



Alum of Olathe Youth Symphony OYS Board Member since 2019

Education:

- Bachelor of Music from the New England Conservatory
- □ Graduate diploma from New England Conservatory
- Certificate in full stack software engineering from Prime Digital Academy in KC

Experience:

- Former violinist with the Kansas City Symphony
- J Violinist with the New World Symphony in Miami
- Appearance on Kansas Public Radio Live
- Served on faculty at Carnegie Hall's NY02
- Produced education & outreach performance for the New World Symphony

Personal: Born in Tokyo, Japan and grew up in Kansas City. Currently resides with her husband Brad in Washington, DC and welcomed a baby boy in late August.





Olathe Youth Symphony 2022-23 Concert Season



GUEST ARTISTS

Aurelia Andrews

Native of Olathe, Kansas Alum of Olathe Youth Symphony International Career as a Pianist & Vocal Coach

Education:

- Bachelor of Music in piano performance from Brigham Young University
- Master of Music in Opera Coaching from The University of Texas at Austin
- □ Graduate of the Glimmerglass Festival Young Artist program
 □ Domingo Colburn Stein Young Artist Program at Los
 □ Angeles Opera



Experience:

- Currently Aurelia is on the music staff at the Santa Fe Opera

Upcoming engagements: Work with the Dallas Opera, the Hart Institute for Women Conductors, Heilbronn Opera in Germany, and the Dallas Opera Vocal Competition.

Personal: Aurelia currently lives in Heidelberg, Germany with her husband and two children

Dr. Michael Filla

Native of Olathe, Kansas Alum of Olathe Youth Symphony

Education:

- Bachelor of Music from University of Missouri Kansas City
- Masters in Educational Leadership from MidAmerica Nazarene University
- $oldsymbol{ iny}$ Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Baker University

Experience:

- Olathe School District since 2013
- Assistant Band Director at Olathe South HS
- Director of Bands: Center High School, Saint Thomas Aquinas High School & Wyandotte High School

Personal: Michael's wife is Lori Filla and parents Paul and Lynne Filla



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 30th season this year.

OYS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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OLATHE YOUTH S Y M P H O N Y

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.

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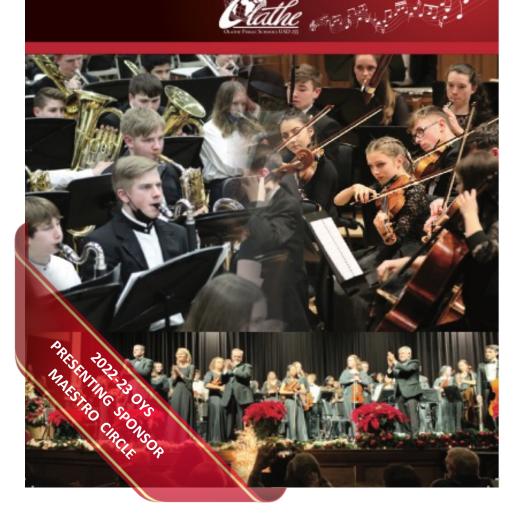
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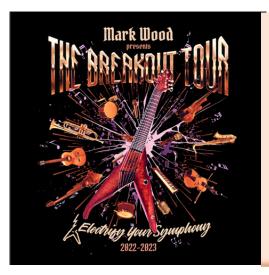
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