



2015/16 Season

Dear Friend and Supporter:

As one who is interested in youth development, you are likely aware of the immense value that music has on the development of youth – and, particularly youth from undeserved backgrounds.

Unfortunately, scientists who research the beneficial effects of music on the brain, point to a disturbing trend of a decline in music education as part of the standard curriculum. Fewer and fewer schools give students an opportunity to learn an instrument. Music City Youth Orchestra (MCYO) would like to ensure that every child is afforded such opportunities.

MCYO is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to attracting and educating the youth of our community about the life importance of music.

MCYO provides a dynamic atmosphere for young musicians in Middle Tennessee to explore a diverse repertoire for string ensembles. We believe that learning about and making music 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 creating an enjoyable experience for student musicians. Each season our students have the unique opportunity to evaluate and take ownership of the program, which greatly contributes to the direction and success of the organization.

Striving to meet the needs of all youth in our community, MCYO is expanding to include the addition of the Harmony Project to our programming. The Harmony Project will be an exemplary program for low-income and minority youth to learn about and perform live music. Harmony Project will be Nashville's first El Sistema-inspired program that will create opportunities for social transformation of underserved youth through the creative power of music.

The need for community programming like what MCYO offers is critical to developing our youth. MCYO is expanding to create more opportunities for the youth of Nashville! ***We invite you to support musical arts for youth by becoming an annual supporter.***

Your support demonstrates your interest in making music education available to all children and is an investment in the community and today's youth.

We look forward to hearing from you at info@musiccityyo.org or 615-200-MCYO (6296). More information about us is available on the web at www.musiccityyo.org. Thank you for your gracious consideration!

Sincerely,

Mark

Mark McCaw
Board President

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LeAnn Austin
Executive Director



Individual Contribution Opportunities & Pledge Form

Please select contribution level:

- Concerto Society: \$1,000 and above
- New Music Collective: \$500 - \$999
- Chamber Players: \$100 - \$499
- Fiddle Masters: \$1 - \$99

All individual contributors will be listed in all concert programs.

Contribution Amount \$ _____

In Kind Donation: *(please describe)* _____

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

Please print your contact information:

Contact Name _____ Contact Title _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____

Date _____

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